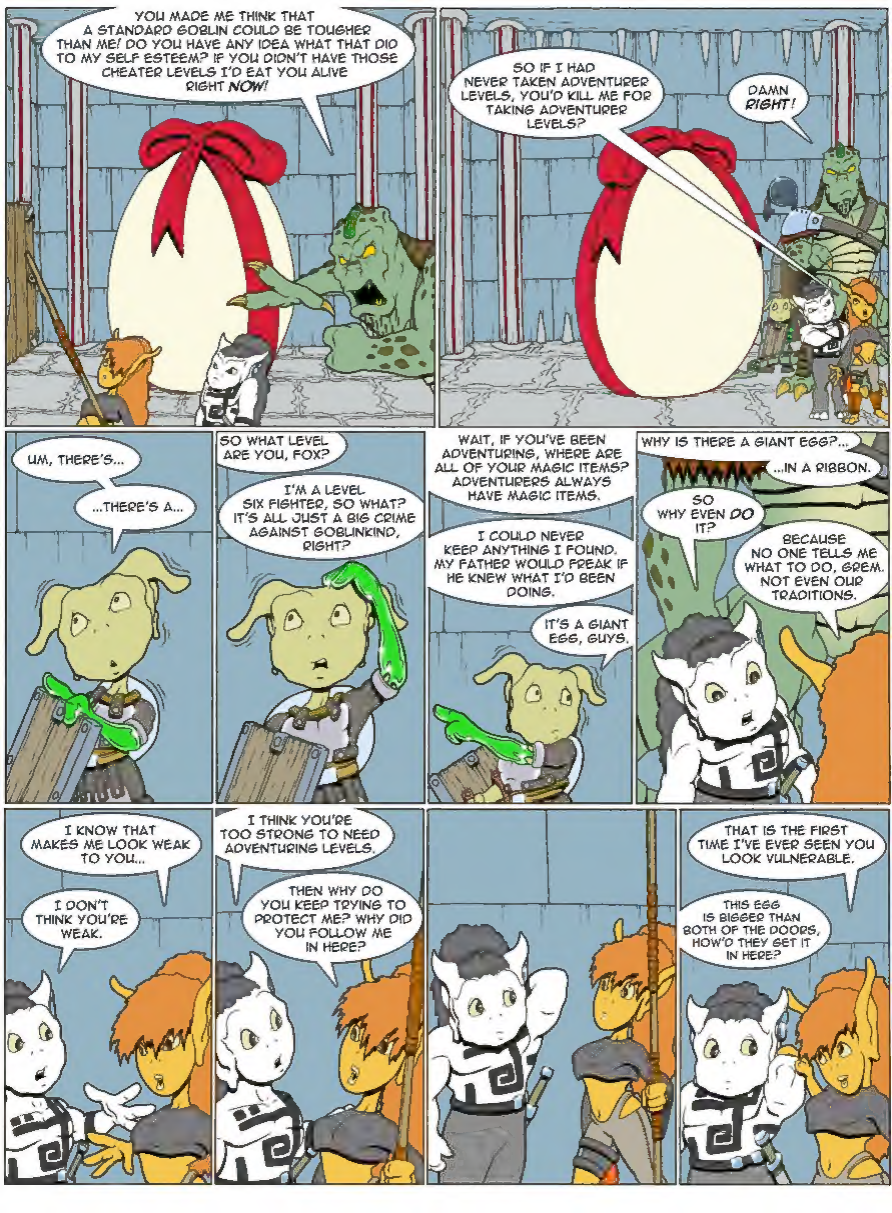
...AND HOW ABOUT LETTING US HAVE A LITTLE COMFORT AT OUR WARCAMPS?! I MEAN... NO FEMALES?! WERE YOU BEING SERIOUS WITH THAT COMMANDMENT?! I'M NINE WINTERS OLD AND I'M STILL A VIRGIN! I'LL BE MIDDLE AGED SOON!
I'VE HAD ENOUGH, MAGLUBIYET! NOW YOU DO ME THIS ONE FAVOUR AND MOVE THOSE GUARDS OR I'M GETTING MY OWN POINTY STICK, POKING YOUR EYE OUT AND SHOVING IT UP YOUR DAMN ASS SO YOU CAN SEE HOW FULL OF CRAP YOU ARE!
OKAY THEN.
UM...
...SORRY ABOUT THE WHOLE *SHOVING YOUR OWN EYE UP YOUR BUM* THING. YOU'RE NOT ANGRY, ARE YOU?
TO OPEN THE FRONT GATE, TURN WHEEL
SIX PEOPLE NEEDED TO TURN WHEEL
WHEEL IS LOCKED. TO UNLOCK WHEEL USE SECURITY KEYS 11, 8, 19 AND 14
FOUR INDIVIDUALS NEEDED TO TURN SECURITY KEYS SIMULTANEOUSLY
YEAH...
...YOU'RE ANGRY.

WE WILL SUCCEED FOR THE GLORY OF BRASS...
...MOON.
I DON'T BELIEVE IT.
CAPTAIN, IS THAT THACO THE GOBLIN? WHAT IS HE DOING?
HOW MANY GUARDS WERE LEFT AT THE DUNGEON?!
THE DUNGEON? WELL... JUST TWO, SIR.
YOU SAID THAT YOU WANTED EVERYONE HERE FOR THE BATTLE!
CLOSE THE WEST GATE! CLOSE THE WEST GATE!

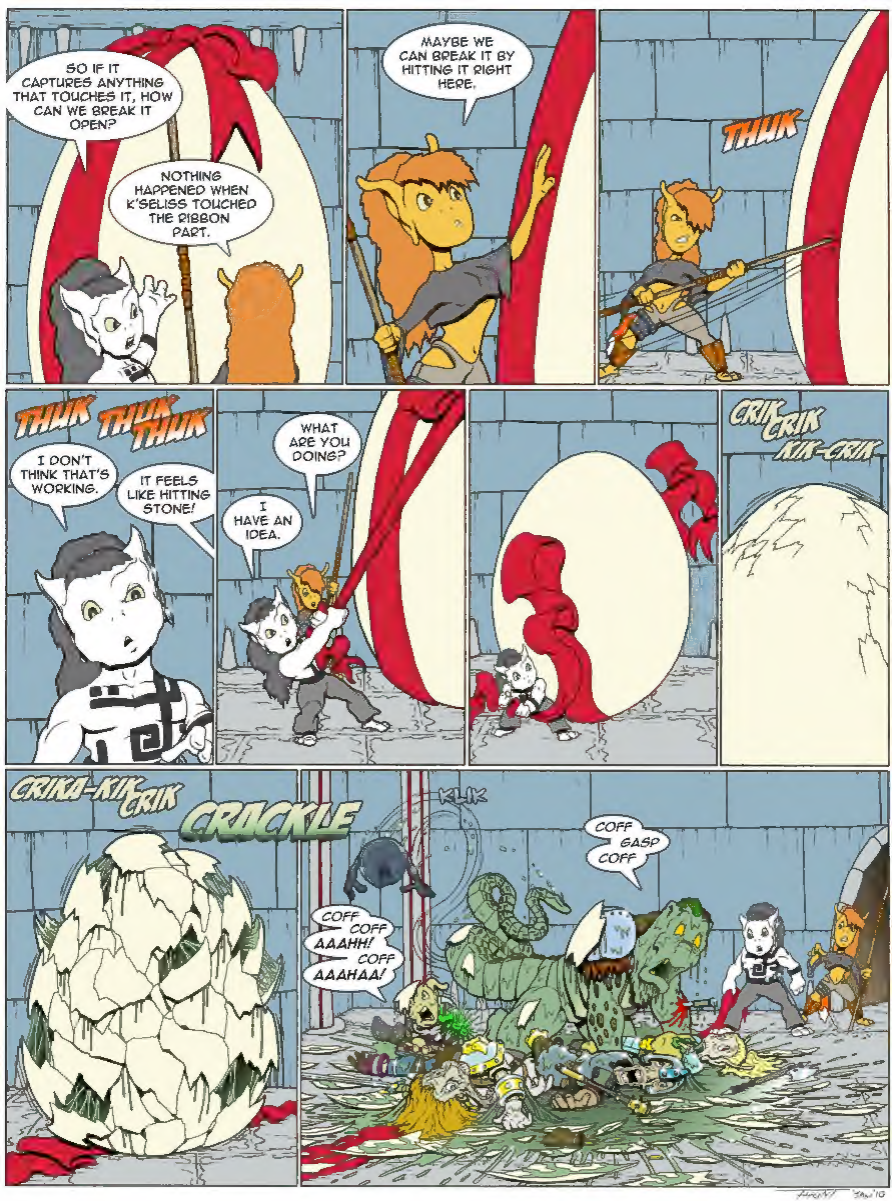
SHTINK
RUMMMMBLE
TING
TINKA
TING
TING
TINKA
RUMMMMBLE
RUMBLE
RUMMMMBLE
RUMMMMMMMMMMBLE

I KNEW IT!
THAT'S WHY YOU'RE TOUGHER THAN ME!
I KNEW THERE WAS SOMETHING WRONG ABOUT YOU, FOX! NO GOBLIN IS SUPPOSED TO BE THAT TOUGH! NO REAL GOBLIN, ANYWAY!
HEY, I AM A REAL GOBLIN!
NO.
NO, YOU'RE NOT.
YOU STOPPED BEING A GOBLIN AS SOON AS YOU STARTED BEING LIKE THEM. AS SOON AS YOU START TAKING XP, YOU DISRESPECT EVERY GOBLIN WHO'S BEEN KILLED BY AN ADVENTURER.
DO YOU KNOW HOW MANY MEMBERS OF MY CLAN I'VE SAVED FROM ADVENTURER ATTACKS WITH THE ABILITIES I'VE EARNED?
I'VE SAVED MORE GOBLIN LIVES THAN YOU'LL EVER KNOW AND I DID IT WITH HONOUR!
OH, SO FORCED SLAVE LABOUR IS HONOURABLE NOW?
THOSE ARE MY MOTHER'S ACTIONS, NOT MINE AND YOU HAVE NO IDEA HOW MUCH STRESS SHE'S UNDER!
YES I DO, SLIGHTLY LESS THAN THAT OF A SLAVE.
SHE'S GOING TO RULE THIS REALM ONE DAY AND SHE'LL DO IT WITHOUT CLASS LEVELS!
UM... GUYS?
I THINK WE ALL NEED TO UNDERSTAND THAT I WOULD HAVE KICKED FOX'S ASS FROM THE BEGINNING...
...IF SHE DIDN'T HAVE THOSE UNNATURAL LEVELS!
WEREN'T WE WORRIED ABOUT TRAPS AND STUFF? I THINK WE MAY BE FOCUSING ON THE WRONG THINGS HERE.
I THINK WHAT'S GOING ON HERE AND NOW MIGHT BE MORE IMPORTANT THAN HER DEFENSIVE PREFERENCES.
KLIK
GUYS?


YOU MADE ME THINK THAT A STANDARD GOBLIN COULD BE TOUGHER THAN ME! DO YOU HAVE ANY IDEA WHAT THAT DID TO MY SELF ESTEEM? IF YOU DIDN'T HAVE THOSE CHEATER LEVELS I'D EAT YOU ALIVE RIGHT NOW!
SO IF I HAD NEVER TAKEN ADVENTURER LEVELS, YOU'D KILL ME FOR TAKING ADVENTURER LEVELS?
DAMN RIGHT!
UM, THERE'S...
...THERE'S A...
SO WHAT LEVEL ARE YOU, FOX?
I'M A LEVEL SIX FIGHTER, SO WHAT? IT'S ALL JUST A BIG CRIME AGAINST GOBLINKIND, RIGHT?
WAIT, IF YOU'VE BEEN ADVENTURING, WHERE ARE ALL OF YOUR MAGIC ITEMS? ADVENTURERS ALWAYS HAVE MAGIC ITEMS.
I COULD NEVER KEEP ANYTHING I FOUND. MY FATHER WOULD FREAK IF HE KNEW WHAT I'D BEEN DOING.
IT'S A GIANT EGG, GUYS.
WHY IS THERE A GIANT EGG?...
...IN A RIBBON.
SO WHY EVEN DO IT?
BECAUSE NO ONE TELLS ME WHAT TO DO, GREM. NOT EVEN OUR TRADITIONS.
I KNOW THAT MAKES ME LOOK WEAK TO YOU...
I DON'T THINK YOU'RE WEAK.
I THINK YOU'RE TOO STRONG TO NEED ADVENTURING LEVELS.
THEN WHY DO YOU KEEP TRYING TO PROTECT ME? WHY DID YOU FOLLOW ME IN HERE?
THAT IS THE FIRST TIME I'VE EVER SEEN YOU LOOK VULNERABLE.
THIS EGG IS BIGGER THAN BOTH OF THE DOORS, HOW'D THEY GET IT IN HERE?

SO IS THIS THING EDIBLE OR WHAT?
WOAH.
LOOK AT THE SIZE OF THAT EGG.
THE RED CLOTH PART IS SOFT.
HEY! WHAT'D I SAY WHEN WE FIRST GOT HERE? DON'T TOUCH ANY...
WHERE'S DIES HORRIBLY?
WHAT? HE'S NOT HERE? DIES!
WE'VE BEEN BLOCKING THE DOOR WE CAME IN, SO HE HASN'T GONE THROUGH THERE...
...AND NO ONE HAS OPENED THE OTHER DOOR. HE SHOULD STILL BE IN THE ROOM.
KLIK
KLIK KLIK
GASP
THUP
DIES! I HOPE HE'S OKAY. I SHOULD'VE BEEN WATCHING HIM. HOW COULD I MESS UP A SPOT CHECK SO BADLY?
WAIT, WHERE'S K'SELISS?

K'SELISS IS MISSING TOO? THE HELL IS HAPPENING?
KLIK
NOT NOW, KLIK.
DIIIIEES!
K'SELISS, WHERE ARE YOU?!
DIES HORRIBLY!
GAH!
WHAT'S WRONG WITH YOU?!
KLIK
SOMETHING ABOUT THE EGG, KLIK?
THE EGG... ...ATE THEM?
DON'T BE STUPID.
WELL, I DON'T KNOW.
KLIK
REEE-
THWP
SONOVA CRAP, THE EGG ATE HIM!
THAT MUST BE WHAT HAPPENED TO DIES AND K'SELISS!
IT COULD BE A PORTAL TO ANOTHER PART OF THE DUNGEON OR ANOTHER DIMENSION OR SOMETHING.
OR IT COULD JUST BE A BIG EGG AND THEY'RE SUFFOCATING INSIDE!
I'LL BREAK IT OPEN AND...
THWP
WELL IF THEY'RE INSIDE THE EGG, THEY'RE IMPALED ON YOUR SWORD NOW!


SO IF IT CAPTURES ANYTHING THAT TOUCHES IT, HOW CAN WE BREAK IT OPEN?
NOTHING HAPPENED WHEN K'SELISS TOUCHED THE RIBBON PART.
MAYBE WE CAN BREAK IT BY HITTING IT RIGHT HERE.
THUK
THUK THUK THUK
I DON'T THINK THAT'S WORKING.
IT FEELS LIKE HITTING STONE!
WHAT ARE YOU DOING?
I HAVE AN IDEA.
CRIK CRIK KIK-CRIK
CRIKA-KIK CRIK
CRACKLE
KLIK
COFF GASP COFF
COFF COFF AAAHH! COFF AAAHAA!

DIDN'T YOU HEAR US YELLING AND BANGING ON THE INSIDE OF THE EGG? ARE YOU DEAF?!
WE DIDN'T HEAR ANYTHING! WE TRIED TO...
YOU DROPPED YOUR SWORD.
CLANG
HEY!
I JUST SAVED YOUR LIFE, YOU BIG FROG!
ARE YOU OKAY?
WHO ARE THEY? WHO ARE THESE CREATURES?
ADVENTURERS, I GUESS. LOOKS LIKE THE EGG GOT THE BETTER OF THEM.
THIS IS WHY I SAY NOT TO TOUCH ANYTHING. ANYTHING CAN BE DEADLY IN A DUNGEON CRAWL. I HOPE THAT NOW WE'VE ALL LEARNED NOT TO TOUCH ANY...
HEY.
HEY GUYS, LOOK AT THIS.
FWIP
I KNOW WHAT THIS IS. IT'S WHAT MY MOTHER WAS LOOKING FOR, FOR SO LONG. IT'S THE KEY OF DARKNESS, THE ITEM NEEDED TO OPEN THE DOOR INTO THIS DUNGEON! NO WONDER SHE COULDN'T FIND IT. SOME ADVENTURER USED IT TO ENTER THE CRAWL, THEN DIED IN HERE.
ALRIGHT, THAT'S IT! I KEEP SAYING DON'T TOUCH ANYTHING, BUT NO ONE LISTENS! WELL SCREW IT! FROM NOW ON, TOUCH ANY DAMN THING YOU WANT!
GO AHEAD, TOUCH ANYTHING! I WON'T CARE!
OOP.
THUNT '20

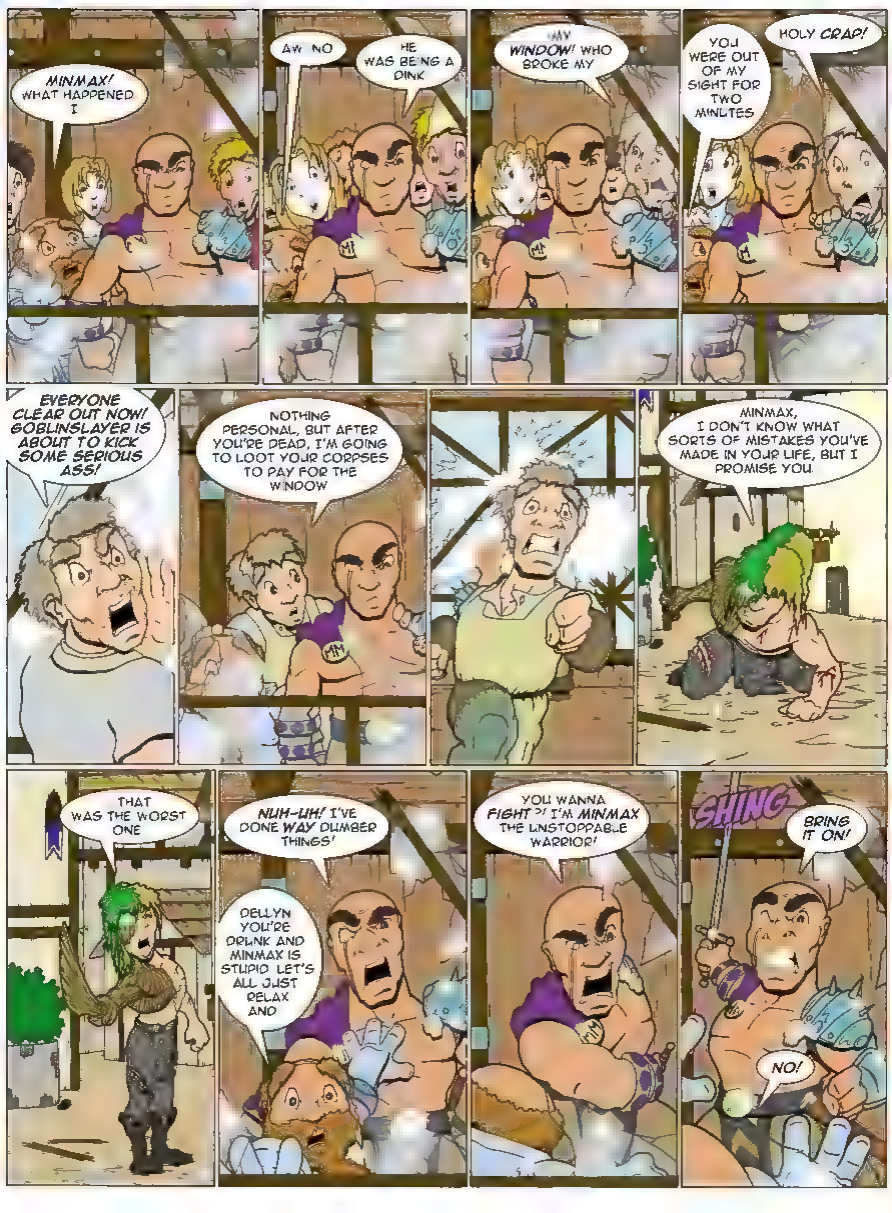
THERE IT IS, THE FROSTED CLAW. THAT WALL BETTER NOT HAVE LIED TO US. IF THIS DELLYN GOBLINSLAYER GUY ISN'T THERE, I'M GOING TO BE...
MINMAX? YOU COMING OR WHAT?
THE FROSTED CLAW
THESE NEW PANTS ARE CHAFING ME. FACE IT, I'M TOO MUCH MAN FOR PANTS.
YOU'RE JUST NOT USED TO THEM, NOW HURRY UP.
AND THIS SWORD YOU GOT SUCKS. IT DOESN'T GLOW OR BURST INTO FLAMES OR NOTHIN'. IT DOESN'T EVEN HAVE A SKULL MOTIF.
IT'S A STANDARD, PLAYER'S HANDBOOK, LONG SWORD. YOU CAN'T JUST WALK INTO A BLACKSMITH SHOP AND EXPECT TO BUY A MAGIC SWORD. NOT EVEN HERBERT THE DM IS *THAT* MONTY HALL.
WHOA.
THAT IS A BIG WINDOW. AND REAL GLASS TOO.
NO.
NO WHAT?
I NEVER SAID THAT I WANTED TO.
NO, YOU'RE NOT SMASHING THAT WINDOW.
YOU WERE THINKING IT.
THIS RANGER IS A HIGHER LEVEL THAN US, SO IF WE WANT HIM TO JOIN OUR PARTY, WE HAVE TO BE VERY NICE TO HIM. I DON'T NEED YOU WRECKING THIS BY BREAKING THE WINDOW OF HIS FAVORITE TAVERN.
RELAX, I WON'T BREAK THE...
...
THAT IS THE COOLEST ADVENTURER I'VE EVER SEEN.
HE...
...HE IS MY HERO.

Hi, can I get you two anything?
Thanks, but we actually have an anymug and can summon any drink we want
Oof
Don't be rude
I'll have something dwarven. Anything that'd make an elf roll a fortitude save
I'll have an ale
I'll bring you your drinks in a bit, guys
Okay, let's go say hello, but don't embarrass me
Well don't elbow me in the gut
Excuse me, captain goblinslayer?
My name is Forgath and this is Minmax we're
I'm not a captain
Um but we were told
The mayor of this city is an idiot who can't see the big picture and so he fired me and disbanded my elite guard. As an adventurer, I've saved this city more than once, but apparently the mayor thinks that not pressing charges against me is reward enough for that
Well... we don't really know much about that we're actually hunting some goblins who want to summon something called the White Terror and we were hoping you
No piss off
Mr. Goblinslayer sir, I just want to say that I think you're *awesome!*
I mean you're *awesome!* Everything that you have, I want to one day have too!

EXCEPT FOR THE SNAKE MONSTER CHICK, THAT'S. THAT'S CREEPY AND KINDA GROSS
YOU REMIND ME OF SOMEONE THAT I USED TO ADVENTURE WITH. WHAT LEVEL ARE YOU, KID?
TWO!
HM
HEH. ALRIGHT ROOKIES, HAVE A SEAT.
COOL!
SERIOUSLY?
HA
DWARVEN HILT
AND THIS SPIDER IS BIG! IT'S THE SIZE OF A HORSE! AND SARAL CAINE PICKS IT UP AND JUST THROWS IT INTO THE PIT OF ORCS! IT WAS THE FUNNIEST THING I EVER SAW!
HA HAAA!
ADVENTURING WAS SO MUCH SIMPLER BACK THEN. NEVER GET INVOLVED WITH POLITICS, GUYS. IT MUDDIES UP THE ART OF ADVENTURING. SOMETHING THAT'S SUPPOSED TO BE PURE. IT MAKES YOU START WORRYING ABOUT THINGS LIKE YOUR REPUTATION AND YOUR POSITION IN THE CITY
AND THAT WEAKENS YOU. OPENS YOU FOR DEFEAT
I SHOULD'VE JUST KILLED THAT DAMN GOBLIN AS SOON AS I SAW HIM
THEN MAKE ADVENTURING PURE AGAIN, DELLYN. JOIN US. WE'LL HUNT SOME GOBLINS AND SAVE THE WORLD

I GET TWO SHARES OF ANY TREASURE WE FIND AND I'M IN CHARGE
DEAL
YES! WE ARE GONNA KICK SO MUCH GOBLIN ASS!
THIS CALLS FOR MORE DRINKS HERE FORGATH. HOLD THIS AND DON'T LET GO
GIVE ME TWO MORE BOTTLES OF THAT WINE FROM THE NORTH.
YES SIR, MR. GOBLINSLAYER
SO DELLYN, THAT SNAKE MONSTER THAT'S A YLAN-TI, RIGHT? WHAT'S UM... WHAT'S THE DEAL WITH THAT?
OH KIN? SHE'S MY PERSONAL TOY. DON'T WORRY, I NEVER TAKE HER ON QUESTS.
I KEEP HER CAGED UP IN THE CITY
BUT I DON'T GET IT. I MEAN, WHY DON'T YOU JUST KILL THE MONSTER FOR XP? WHY DO YOU KEEP IT AROUND?
MINMAX, ONE DAY YOU'LL REALISE THAT SOME MONSTERS ARE GOOD FOR MORE THAN JUST XP AND TREASURE
KIN'S GOOD FOR
LET'S CALL IT PERSONAL RECREATION
WHAT, YOU MEAN SEX?
OR WE CAN CALL IT SEX SURE
BUT HOW IS THAT EVEN POSSIBLE? I MEAN PHYSICALLY, HOW DOES THAT EVEN WORK?
OH, IT WORKS. IT WORKS VERY WELL.
HEH, I'M SURPRISED IT EVEN WANTS TO HAVE SEX WITH YOU. I MEAN, YOU KEEP IT LEASHED AND CAGED ALL THE TIME
HA HA, WELL OF COURSE SHE DOESN'T WANT TO

HA HA
YEAH
WAIT, YOU MEAN LIKE YOU RAPE HER?
EVERY DAMN NIGHT!
IT'S ACTUALLY A COMBINATION OF RAPING HER AND BEATING HER DOWN TO HER LAST HIT POINT
THAT'S WHY I KEEP A LOT OF HEALING POTIONS HANDY. YOU GOTTA KEEP YOUR TOYS LOOKING GOOD, AM I RIGHT?
SMASHH!!!


MINMAX! WHAT HAPPENED I
AW NO
HE WAS BEING A DINK
MY WINDOW! WHO BROKE MY
YOU WERE OUT OF MY SIGHT FOR TWO MINUTES
HOLY CRAP!
EVERYONE CLEAR OUT NOW! GOBLINSLAYER IS ABOUT TO KICK SOME SERIOUS ASS!
NOTHING PERSONAL, BUT AFTER YOU'RE DEAD, I'M GOING TO LOOT YOUR CORPSES TO PAY FOR THE WINDOW
MINMAX, I DON'T KNOW WHAT SORTS OF MISTAKES YOU'VE MADE IN YOUR LIFE, BUT I PROMISE YOU
THAT WAS THE WORST ONE
NUH-UH! I'VE DONE WAY DUMBER THINGS!
DELLYN YOU'RE DRUNK AND MINMAX IS STUPID LET'S ALL JUST RELAX AND
YOU WANNA FIGHT ?! I'M MINMAX THE UNSTOPPABLE WARRIOR!
SHING
BRING IT ON!
NO!

DON'T BRING IT ON! BRING NOTHING ON!
CLONG
SLISH
GAH!
SLI-TING
NO WAY THAT IS SUCH BULL CRAP! YOUR SWORD S MADE OF WOOD! T CAN'T...
Y'KNOW, THERE IS A SPECIAL PLACE IN HELL RESERVED FOR THOSE WHO DIE COMPLAINING ABOUT THE RULES
SPLUNK

THOK
UH!
THWUK
YOU HAVE IMPROVED UNARMED STRIKE?
I GOT T BY TRADING IN MY ABILITY TO RHYME ON PURPOSE
WHAT? THAT'S NOT EVEN YOU CAN'T JUST TRADE
CAREFUL DELLYN, I HEARD A RUMOUR ABOUT THOSE WHO DIE COMPLAINING ABOUT THE RULES
HAAH!
CLUK
THUMP

SLASH
THUMP
YAAH!
SPLASH
IT'S CALLED DRAGON LUNG A RARE, VERY FLAMMABLE LANTERN OIL. NOW GET AWAY FROM MINMAX
BECAUSE I HAVE MORE
BA-WUMF
RAAAAH!
FWUMP
FWOOM
NYAAAA!

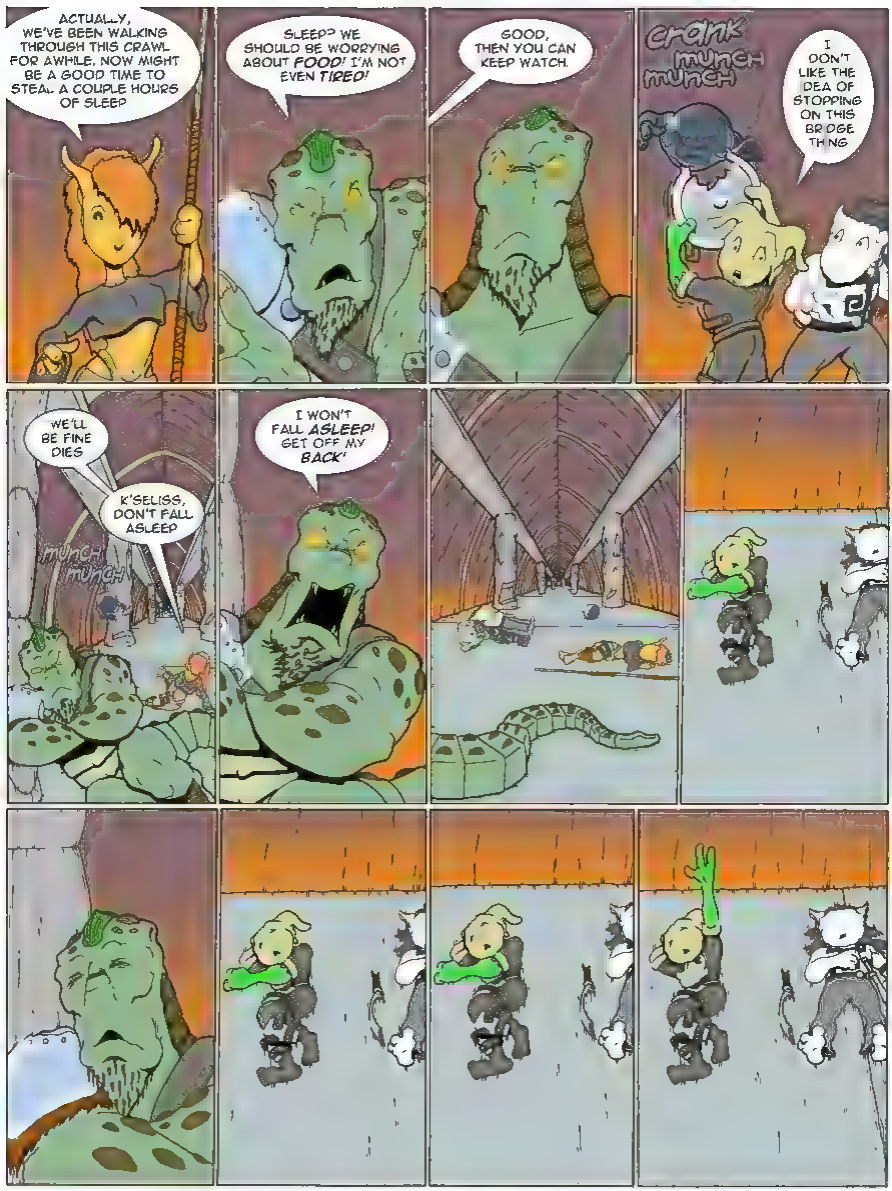
AAAEEEE!
AAAH!
NAAAEEE!
AAAYYEEE!
THUMP
TWANK
THUMP
SMASH
AAH!
GASP!
IS HE DEAD?
I DON'T KNOW
'OOK WHUK YOU GIG KOO 'EE!

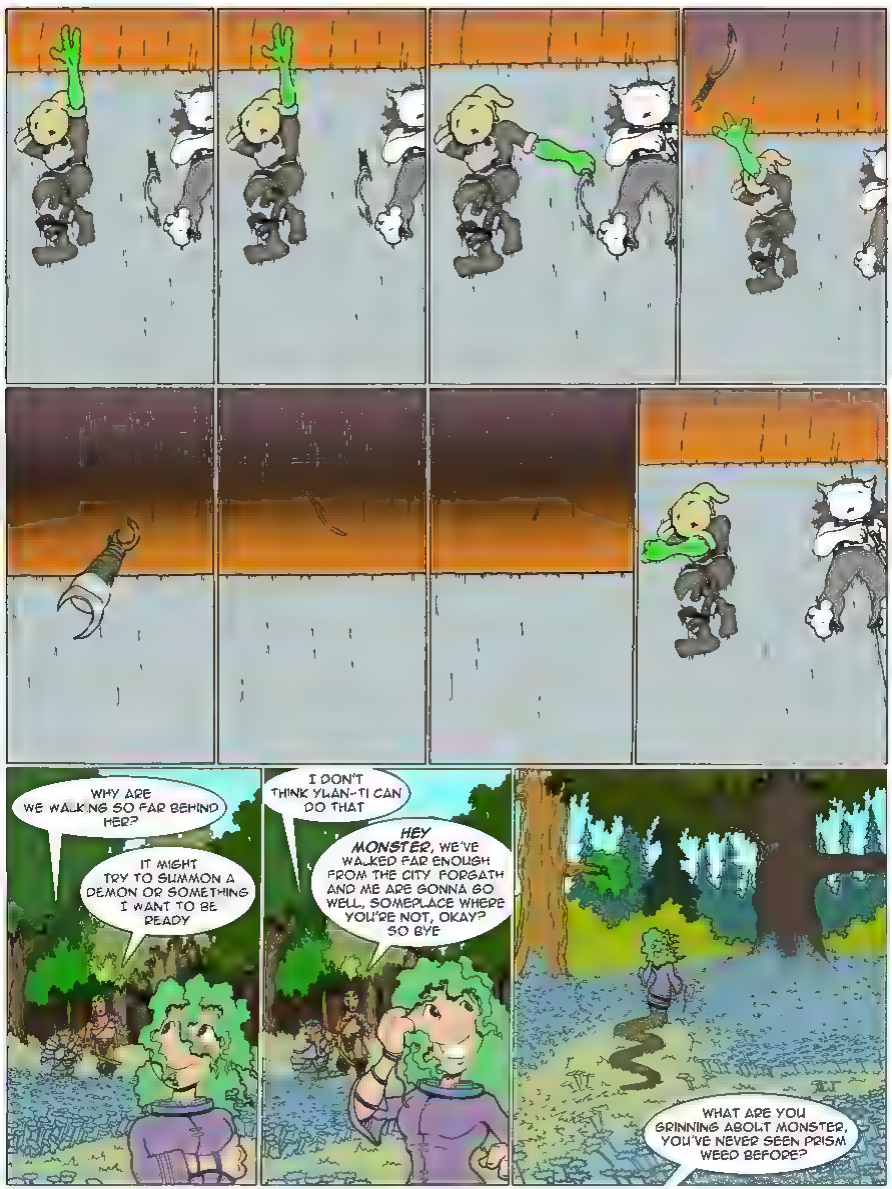
STAY BACK, DELLYN!
I'LL KILL YOU!
CARAKK
WEAPON PROFICIENCY FURNITURE TRADED IN MY ABILITY TO WINK
-6
HUFF
WE KILLED HIM GODS, THAT WAS THE MOST GRUESOME THING I'VE EVER SEEN WE KILLED HIM
HE'S NOT DEAD
WHAT?
LOOKS LIKE HE STABILIZED SEE HE'S NOT DEAD
-6
OH WELL WHAT DO WE DO NOW? I MEAN, HE'S A RANGER IF WE RUN, HE'S GOING TO TRACK US DOWN AND KILL US.
DEFINITELY WE'LL HAVE TO KILL HIM
WHAT? I CAN'T KILL HIM NOW!!
WHY NOT, YOU LIT HIM ON FIRE A MOMENT AGO
THERE'S A HUGE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN KILLING SOMEONE IN BATTLE AND MURDERING THEM WHEN THEY'RE UNCONSCIOUS!
WELL I'M NOT GONNA DO IT' I FIGHT MY ENEMIES FACE TO FACE, I DON'T COWARDLY DO 'EM IN WHILE THEY'RE ASLEEP!
YOU STARTED THIS WHOLE MESS, SO YOU'D BETTER DAMN WELL...

SLUK
SLUK
SLUK
SLUK
SLUK
AAAAAAH!
HUFF
A
HUFF
HUFF
THUD

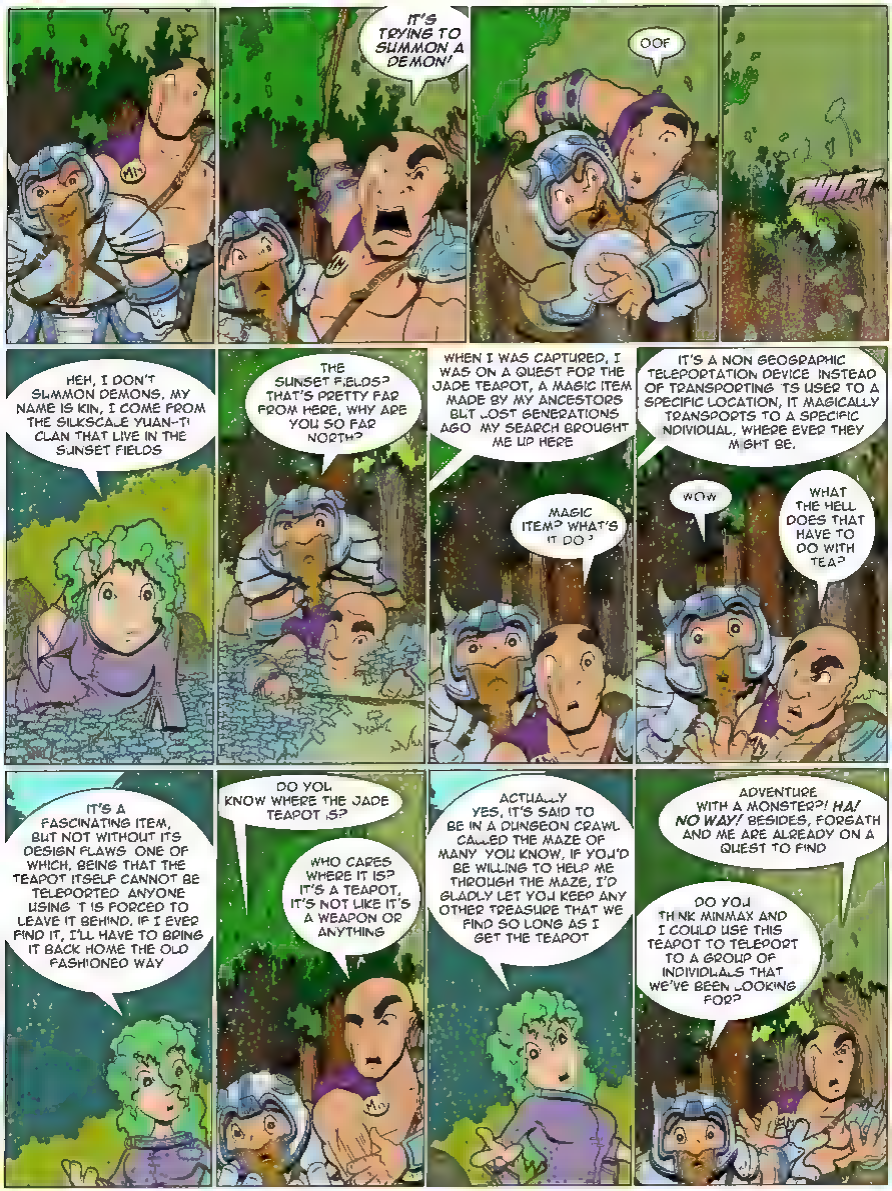
WHAT'S T DOING?
STEALING A COAT, I THINK
THERE'S A TRAP DOOR BEHIND THE BAR
SO?
HE USED TO TAKE ME DOWN THERE IT LEADS TO A WINE CELLAR IN THE CELLAR IS A GRATE THAT CAN BE USED TO ENTER THE SEWERS FROM THERE WE CAN ESCAPE THE CITY
EW! I'M NOT GOING INTO THE SEWERS!
THEN WALK THROUGH THE STREETS I'M SURE THE GUARDS WON'T BE TOO ANGRY WHEN THEY REALISE YOU'VE KILLED ONE OF THEIR GREATEST HEROES
FORSAITH, I DON'T LIKE THE IDEA OF FOLLOWING THAT MONSTER
THEN YOU SHOULDN'T HAVE THROWN DELLYN OUT THE WINDOW
DON'T FORGET YOUR BACKPACK
HEY, GUESS WHAT'S MINE!

GREM, STOP PLAYING WITH THE KEY OF DARKNESS. YOU DON'T KNOW WHAT IT DOES
MY CLAN HAS BEEN STUDYING THIS ITEM FOR AGES, I KNOW EXACTLY WHAT IT DOES
WELL STOP TOUCHING THE LIGHT PART
I KEEP THINKING YOU'RE GOING TO BURN YOURSELF OR SOMETHING
THE LIGHT BEAM IS JUST A HARMLESS GLOW THAT ALLOWS THE KEY TO OPEN THE FRONT GATE. IT'S THE BLADE PART THAT'S DANGEROUS +3 TO DAMAGE!
YOU GUYS THINK THIS HALLWAY BRIDGE THING COULD FALL OVER? IT FEELS LIKE IT COULD FALL OVER
YES, THIS BRIDGE MAY BE LONG, BUT IT'S PERFECTLY
SSSSSSSS
YAAAH!
GGGGGGGGGG
WHAT THE HELL HAPPENED!? YOU SAID THE GLOWY BIT WAS HARMLESS!
IT IS!
SOMETHING IN THAT SWORD'S MAGICAL ENERGY MUST BE MY HAND'S 'NEGATIVE'
HUH?
EVERY MEMBER OF KLIK'S RACE HAS A NEGATIVE WHICH DESTROYS IT AND A POSITIVE WHICH HEALS IT SINCE MY HAND IS MADE FROM MY SOUL AND ISN'T A SEPERATE CREATURE, ITS POSITIVE IS MY OWN BLOOD
SO YOU'RE SAYING YOUR HAND ACTUALLY 'DRINKS' YOUR OWN BLOOD AND OH. WELL THAT'S ACTUALLY KINDA GROSS
OF COURSE, NOW I'M ALL LIGHT HEADED FROM LOSS OF BLOOD
YOU ARE ONE MESSED UP PIECE OF FOOD, YOU KNOW THAT?


ACTUALLY, WE'VE BEEN WALKING THROUGH THIS CRAWL FOR AWHILE. NOW MIGHT BE A GOOD TIME TO STEAL A COUPLE HOURS OF SLEEP
SLEEP? WE SHOULD BE WORRYING ABOUT FOOD! I'M NOT EVEN TIRED!
GOOD, THEN YOU CAN KEEP WATCH
crank
munch munch
I DON'T LIKE THE IDEA OF STOPPING ON THIS BRIDGE THING
WE'LL BE FINE DIES
K'SELISS, DON'T FALL ASLEEP
munch munch
I WON'T FALL ASLEEP! GET OFF MY BACK!


WHY ARE WE WALKING SO FAR BEHIND HER?
IT MIGHT TRY TO SUMMON A DEMON OR SOMETHING I WANT TO BE READY
I DON'T THINK YLAN-TI CAN DO THAT
HEY MONSTER, WE'VE WALKED FAR ENOUGH FROM THE CITY FORGATH AND ME ARE GONNA GO WELL, SOMEPLACE WHERE YOU'RE NOT, OKAY? SO BYE
WHAT ARE YOU GRINNING ABOUT MONSTER, YOU'VE NEVER SEEN PRISM WEED BEFORE?

FWIFT
FEEFWIFT
HA HA
HA HA HA
HA HA HA
HA HA

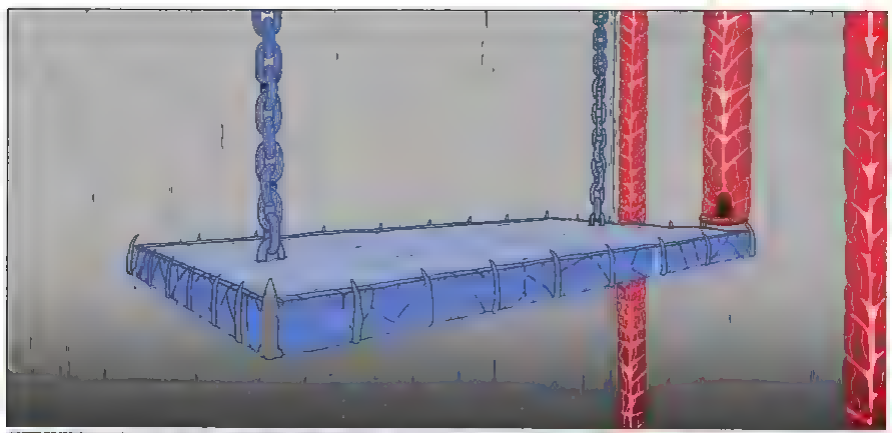

IT'S TRYING TO SUMMON A DEMON!
OOF
AHHH!!
HEH, I DON'T SUMMON DEMONS. MY NAME IS KIN, I COME FROM THE SILKSCALE YUAN-TI CLAN THAT LIVE IN THE SUNSET FIELDS
THE SUNSET FIELDS? THAT'S PRETTY FAR FROM HERE, WHY ARE YOU SO FAR NORTH?
WHEN I WAS CAPTURED, I WAS ON A QUEST FOR THE JADE TEAPOT, A MAGIC ITEM MADE BY MY ANCESTORS BUT LOST GENERATIONS AGO. MY SEARCH BROUGHT ME UP HERE
MAGIC ITEM? WHAT'S IT DO?
IT'S A NON GEOGRAPHIC TELEPORTATION DEVICE. INSTEAD OF TRANSPORTING ITS USER TO A SPECIFIC LOCATION, IT MAGICALLY TRANSPORTS TO A SPECIFIC INDIVIDUAL, WHERE EVER THEY MIGHT BE.
WOW
WHAT THE HELL DOES THAT HAVE TO DO WITH TEA?
IT'S A FASCINATING ITEM, BUT NOT WITHOUT ITS DESIGN FLAWS. ONE OF WHICH, BEING THAT THE TEAPOT ITSELF CANNOT BE TELEPORTED. ANYONE USING IT IS FORCED TO LEAVE IT BEHIND. IF I EVER FIND IT, I'LL HAVE TO BRING IT BACK HOME THE OLD FASHIONED WAY
DO YOU KNOW WHERE THE JADE TEAPOT IS?
WHO CARES WHERE IT IS? IT'S A TEAPOT, IT'S NOT LIKE IT'S A WEAPON OR ANYTHING
ACTUALLY YES, IT'S SAID TO BE IN A DUNGEON CRAWL CALLED THE MAZE OF MANY. YOU KNOW, IF YOU'D BE WILLING TO HELP ME THROUGH THE MAZE, I'D GLADLY LET YOU KEEP ANY OTHER TREASURE THAT WE FIND SO LONG AS I GET THE TEAPOT
ADVENTURE WITH A MONSTER?! HA! NO WAY! BESIDES, FORGATH AND ME ARE ALREADY ON A QUEST TO FIND
DO YOU THINK MINMAX AND I COULD USE THIS TEAPOT TO TELEPORT TO A GROUP OF INDIVIDUALS THAT WE'VE BEEN LOOKING FOR?

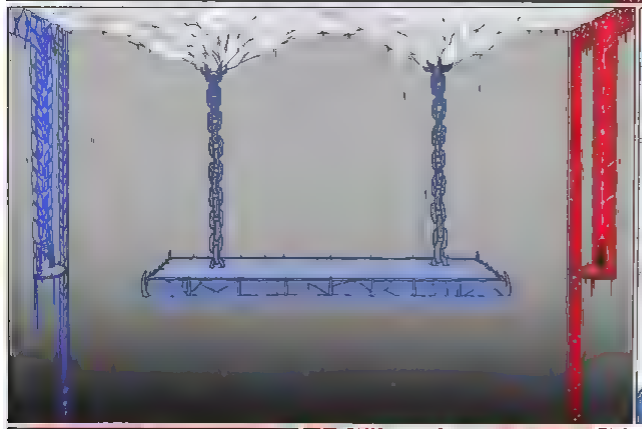
YOU MEAN THE GOBLINS THAT YOU WANT TO KILL?
HEY! HOW DID YOU KNOW THAT?!
I WAS THERE IN THE TAVERN WHEN YOU TOLD THE GOBLIN SLAYER, REMEMBER?
MINMAX, DON'T YOU GET IT? THIS IS EXACTLY WHAT WE'RE LOOKING FOR. WE DO THIS ONE ADVENTURE, GET SOME XP AND TREASURE AND THEN GET TELEPORTED DIRECTLY TO THE GOBLINS
YOU KNOW, NOT ALL GOBLINS ARE EVIL
AW, YA SEE?! THIS IS WHY MONSTERS AND ADVENTURERS SHOULDN'T WORK TOGETHER!
I RECENTLY HAD A RUN IN WITH SOME GOBLINS THAT SEEMED PRETTY HEROIC
ACTUALLY WE'RE PRETTY SURE THAT THESE GOBLINS ARE TRYING TO DESTROY THE WORLD
OH. WELL. I GUESS THAT'S PRETTY EVIL. YEAH
SO IS THAT COLLAR A CURSED ITEM? BECAUSE IF I HIT LEVEL FIVE BEFORE WE FIND THAT TEAPOT AND PART WAYS, I'LL BE ABLE TO CAST REMOVE CURSE AND GET IT OFF YOU, IF YOU LIKE
I WOULDN'T ATTEMPT THAT. CASTING REMOVE CURSE ON THE COLLAR HAS A 50% CHANCE OF EITHER SUCCESSFULLY GETTING IT OFF OF ME, OR ACTIVATING A MAGICAL SAFEGUARD THAT WOULD IGNITE UNSEEN ENERGIES IN THE AIR FOR MILES AROUND ME AND CREATE AN EXPLOSION BIG ENOUGH TO DESTROY MOUNTAINS AND IS HE KICKING A TREE?
THUP THUP THUP THUP THUP THUP THUP THU
WHAT? OH YEAH, HE'S JUST SULKING. HE'LL COME AROUND
BUT MOUNTAIN SIZED EXPLOSIONS? THAT SOUNDS A LITTLE FAR FETCHED
YEAH, I'VE CONSIDERED THE POSSIBILITY THAT I WAS LIED TO IN AN ATTEMPT TO KEEP ME FROM TRYING TO FIND SOMEONE TO CAST REMOVE CURSE ON THE COLLAR, BUT UNTIL I CAN LEARN MORE, IT'S TOO RISKY TO... WOW, HE'S JUST GOING TO KEEP KICKING THAT TREE. HUH
YEAH, I'LL GO TALK TO HIM. YOU START HEADING IN THE DIRECTION OF THIS "MAZE OF MANY" WE'LL BE RIGHT BEHIND YOU.
SURE
THUP THUP THUP THUP THUP
WHAT THE HELL IS WRONG WITH YOU?
I'M NOT ADVENTURING WITH THAT WEIRD MONSTER, FORSAKE. WE SHOULD JUST KILL IT FOR THE XP
WELL I JUST HAD A CONVERSATION WITH HER AND SHE DIDN'T SEEM WEIRD AT ALL. YOU'RE THE WEIRD ONE, YOU'RE OVER HERE ROLLING ATTACKS AGAINST A TREE!

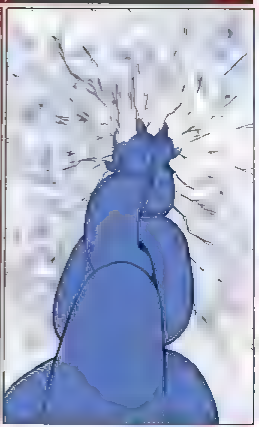
SIGH
LOOK, WE'RE STARTING OUR TREK TOWARD THE DUNGEON CRAWL. GO WALK WITH HER FOR A FEW ROUNDS. TALK TO HER FOR A BIT AND YOU'LL FIND THAT SHE'S NOT MUCH DIFFERENT THAN US
FINE, IF THE YUAN-TI IS NORMAL, THEN WE'LL JOIN UP WITH IT UNTIL WE FIND THIS FRUITY, LITTLE TEAPOT. BUT IF IT'S FULL OF NOTHING BUT WEIRD MONSTERNESS AND NOT NORMAL IN ANY WAY, I GET TO KILL IT
SERIOUSLY? YOU REALLY WANT TO KILL.
HUMPH
ALRIGHT FINE IF, AFTER TALKING TO HER IN A CIVIL, POLITE CONVERSATION, YOU HAVEN'T FOUND A *SINGLE*, NORMAL THING ABOUT HER, THEN YOU CAN KILL HER, BUT WE MAKE CAMP FIRST
CAMP? WHY DO YOU WANT TO MAKE CAMP FIRST?
IT'LL GIVE ME A CHANCE TO GET AWAY FROM YOU TWO BEFORE THE BATTLE. I DON'T WANT TO EVEN SEE IT
BUT THAT WON'T HAPPEN BECAUSE YOU'RE GOING TO FIND THAT SHE'S VERY NORMAL.
NOW GO CATCH UP TO HER, I'LL GRAB YOUR WOODEN SWORD AND REMEMBER THAT YOU HAVE TO KEEP THE CONVERSATION *VERY* POLITE
UM.
HI
HELLO

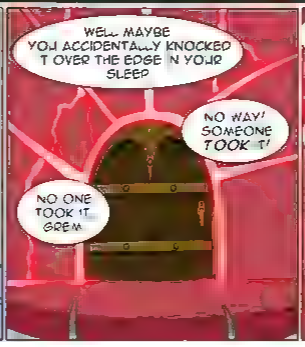
SO UM
WHAT'S NORMAL ABOUT YOU?
WHAT?
I MEAN WELL... DO YOU LIKE TO DO NORMAL GIRL THINGS? Y'KNOW, LIKE GO TO A VILLAGE TO SHOP FOR SHOES OR SOMETHING?
I HAVE NO FEET
OH
RIGHT
SO UH.. WHAT SORTS OF FOODS DO YOU LIKE?
WELL, I HAVE TWO STOMACHS, EACH CAPABLE OF EXTRACTING PROTEINS FROM DIFFERENT MATERIALS SO I CAN EAT DIFFERENT
YOU HAVE TWO STOMACHS?!
YES
SIGH, SO LET'S KEEP IT SIMPLE WHAT'S YOUR FAVORITE FOOD?
MY FAVORITE FOOD? WELL I SUPPOSE MAYBE LIVE MICE
LIVE MICE?! LIVE?! THAT'S SICK! YOU DON'T COOK 'EM?! I MEAN , YOU CAN'T AT LEAST KILL 'EM FIRST?
THEIR MOVEMENT AIDS DIGESTION
SO, GREEN HAIR HUH? THAT'S GOTTA PISS YOU OFF
DON'T TOUCH ME! DON'T YOU EVER TOUCH ME, HUMAN!
GEEZ SORRY, OKAY?
JUST DON'T TOUCH ME. TACTILE INTERACTION IS EXPRESSLY INCONDUCIVE TO THE CURRENT SITUATION DON'T TOUCH ME DON'T TOUCH ME

SIGH
SO UH
GEEZ, I DON'T KNOW
HOW OLD ARE YOU?
COMPARED TO WHAT?
GREAT
I JUST MEAN HOW MANY YEARS OLD ARE YOU? HOW MANY WINTERS HAVE YOU LIVED THOUGH?
OH, WELL IF YOU WANT TO GAUGE IT BY WINTERS, THEN I GUESS SOMEWHERE AROUND TWENTY
YOU GUESS? YOU DON'T EVEN KNOW HOW OLD YOU ARE? WHEN'S YOUR BIRTHDAY?
AT THE BEGINNING OF MY LIFE
NO, I MEAN WHAT DAY OF THE YEAR WERE YOU BORN?
I DON'T KNOW, I WAS TOO YOUNG TO MAKE A NOTE OF IT AT THE TIME
SO YOU DON'T EVEN HAVE A BIRTHDAY? DIDN'T YOUR PARENTS TELL YOU WHEN IT WAS? YOUR MOTHER OR FATHER?
YUAN-TI RARELY KNOW WHO THEIR FATHERS ARE
WHAT?
MY SPECIES MATE BY FORMING A LARGE BALL MADE UP OF TEN TO FIFTY MALES WITH ONE FEMALE IN THE CENTER. FOR DAYS, THE MALES WILL SLITHER AROUND AMONGST EACH OTHER, ATTEMPTING TO INSERT ONE OF THEIR TWO PENISES INTO THE FEMALE. SO WHEN THE PROCESS IS FINISHED, IT'S DIFFICULT TO KNOW WHICH MALE
SO? HOW DID IT GO?
WE'RE MAKING CAMP








WELL MAYBE YOU ACCIDENTALLY KNOCKED IT OVER THE EDGE IN YOUR SLEEP
NO WAY! SOMEONE TOOK IT!
NO ONE TOOK IT, GREM

CAN WE PLEASE FOCUS GUYS? THERE'S A DOOR UP AHEAD
K'SELISS, YOU WERE SUPPOSED TO BE ON WATCH. DID YOU FALL ASLEEP?
NO
WELL ARE YOU SURE YOU DIDN'T SEE ANYTHING?
I'M SURE. NOW SHUT-UP!

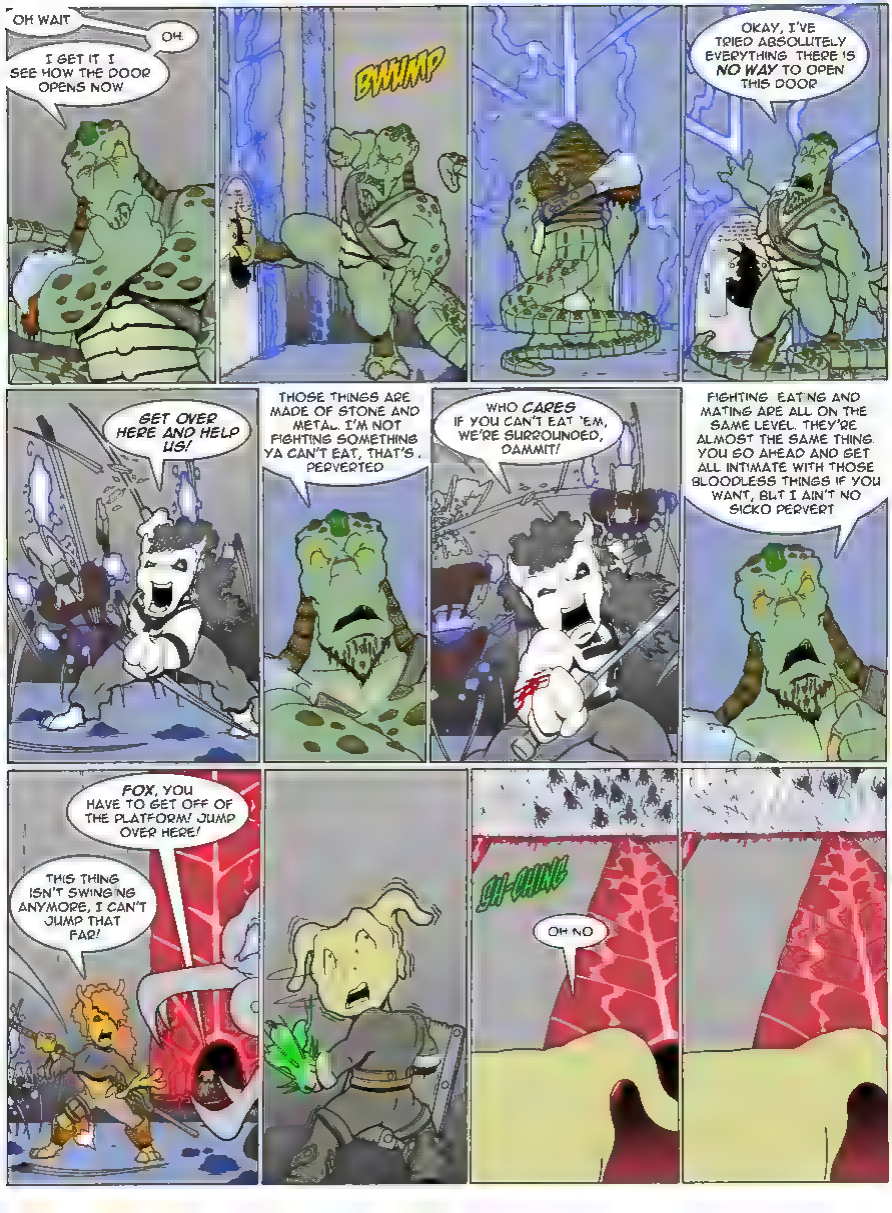
OKAY, NOW THIS DOOR COULD BE TRAPPED, SO I'M GOING TO LIGHTLY TAP IT WITH MY STAFF. STAY FAR ENOUGH BACK THAT
CRUNCH
WOW. THE GUYS WHO BUILT THIS PLACE SURE HAD A THING FOR LONG DROPS
I SWEAR K'SELISS, YOU'RE GOING TO GET US ALL KILLED
SO HOW ARE WE GOING TO GET ACROSS? NO ONE COULD POSSIBLY JUMP THAT FAR.
RAH!
WHUMP
WHOOSH
CRACK
AH!
CRACKLE CRACK

WE HAVE TO JUMP ONTO THE PLATFORM THE NEXT TIME IT SWINGS CLOSE TO US
ARE YOU CRAZY?
WHAT THE CRAP IS THIS HELL?
THE BEARDED MAN FIRES HIS ARROWS, PROUD THAT HE'LL NEVER MISS. BUT HE'LL NEVER WALK THROUGH THE DOOR UNTIL THE TWO DRAGONS KISS.
NOW!
C'MON DIES, IT'S NOT HARD!
JUST WAIT FOR THE NEXT SWING!
I
KLIK
LOOK OUT!
SH-CHING

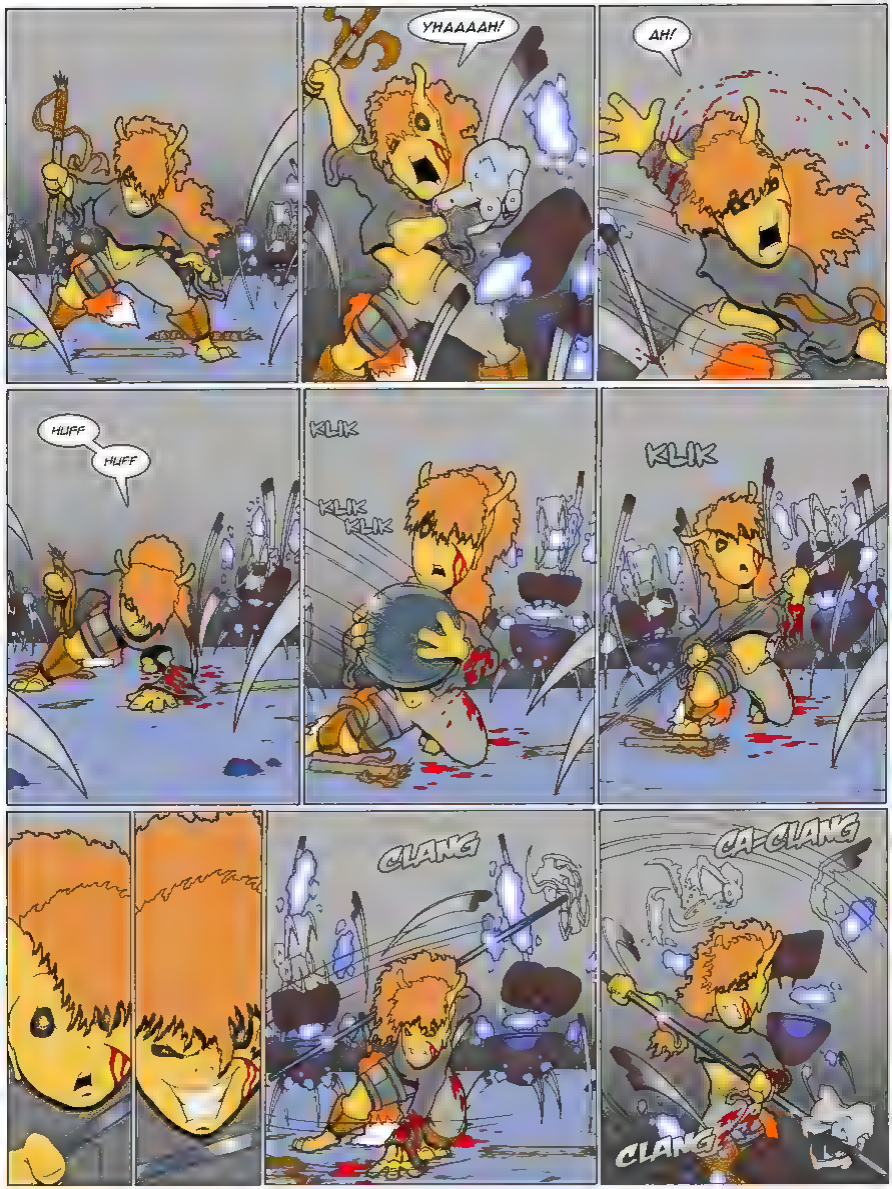
WHAT ARE THEY?
I DON'T KNOW!
CLANK
WHOA!
YOU CAN'T BEHEAD THEM GENIUS THEY HAVE NO NECKS!
WELL I KNOW THAT NOW!
KLIK
LOOK OUT!
KLIK
crank
crunch munch munch
CLUNK
KLIK KLIK

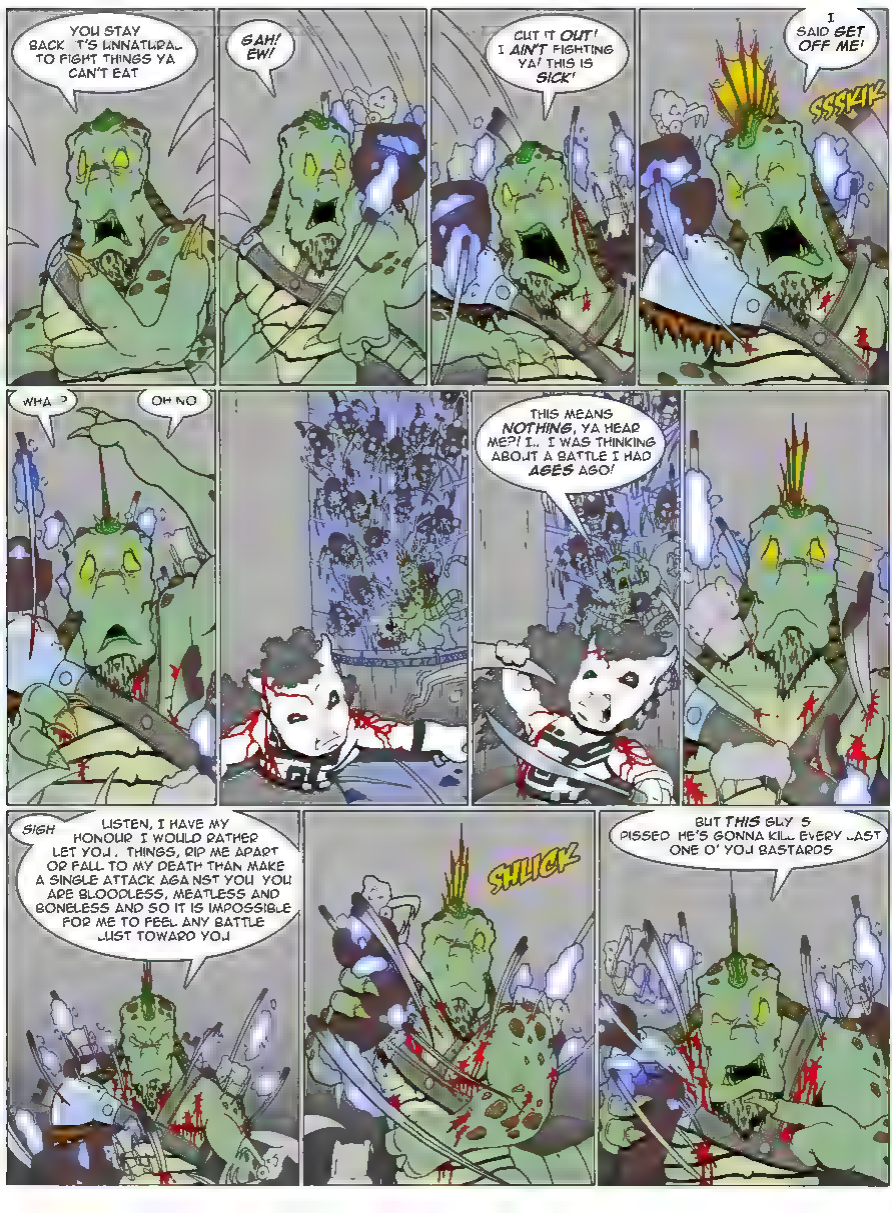
STAY IN THE MIDDLE, NEAR THE CHAINS! YOU'RE GOING TO TIP THE PLATFORM!
CLA-CONK
CLANNG
K'SELISS!
TWANG
HMMM
K'SELISS, WE NEED YOU!
"UNTIL THE TWO DRAGONS KISS"
AH!
CLANG

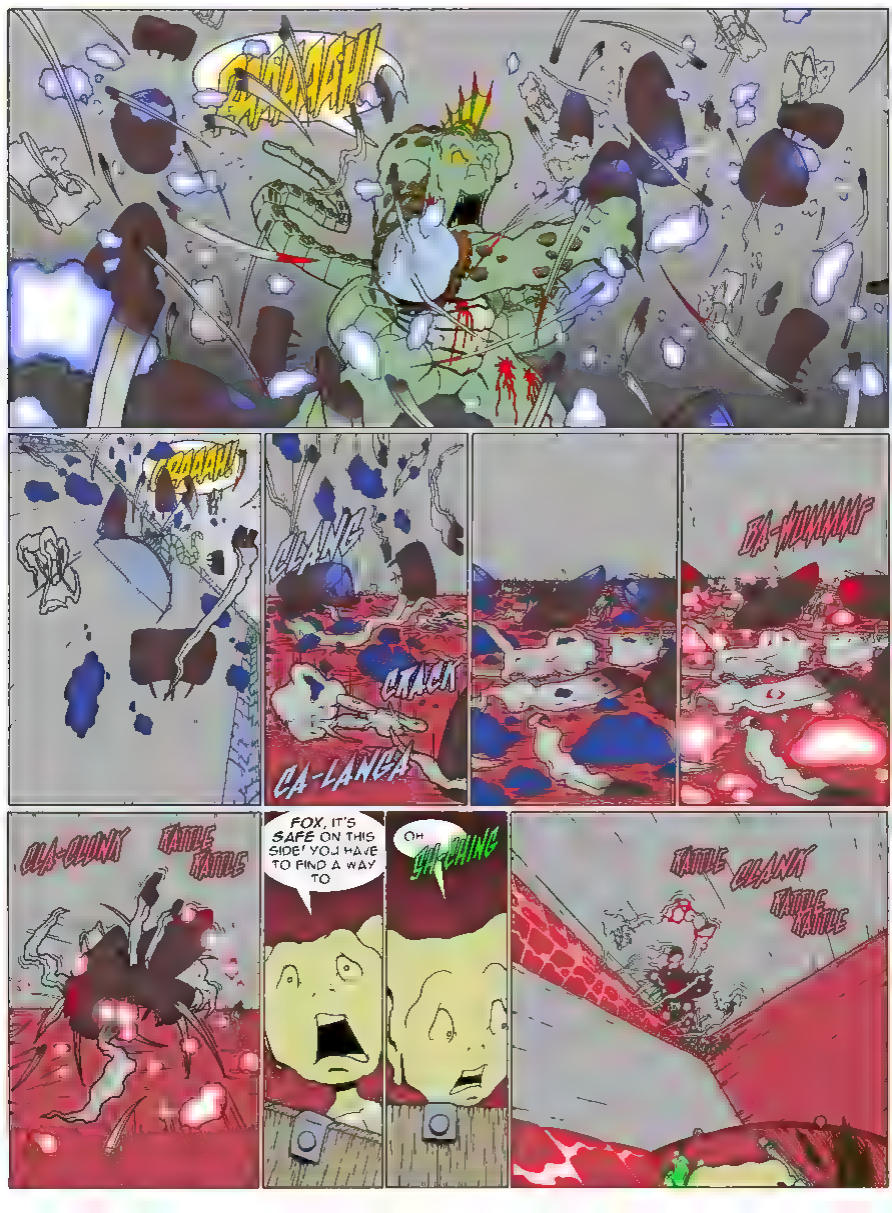
THAK
GHAA!
SHKRAANG
CATANG
CRENK
YAAH!
CRANKA
CLANG
CLATTER
TWANG
CLANK
CLATACH
CLANG
THWHAP
HEY ASS!
CLONK
HMMM

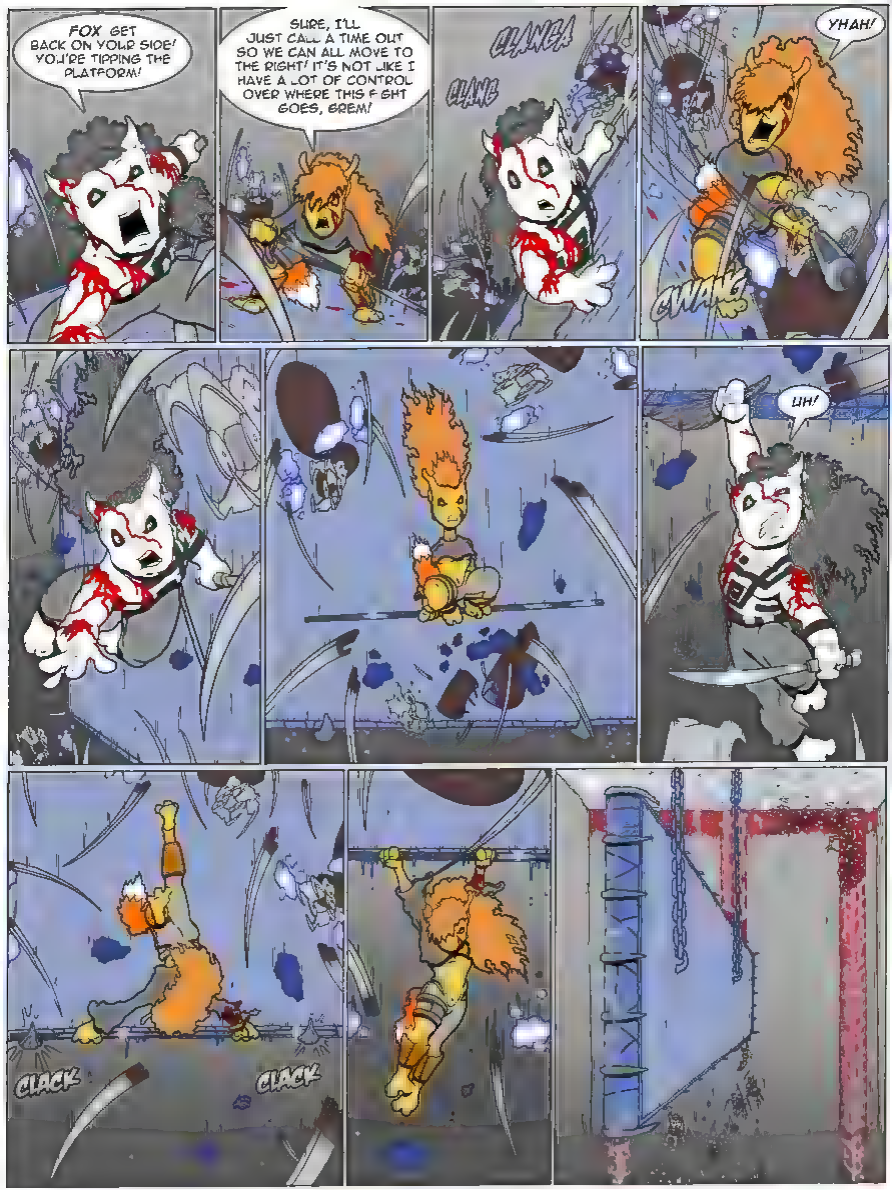

OH WAIT
OH
I GET IT. I SEE HOW THE DOOR OPENS NOW.
BWUMP
OKAY, I'VE TRIED ABSOLUTELY EVERYTHING. THERE IS NO WAY TO OPEN THIS DOOR
GET OVER HERE AND HELP US!
THOSE THINGS ARE MADE OF STONE AND METAL. I'M NOT FIGHTING SOMETHING YA CAN'T EAT, THAT'S PERVERTED
WHO CARES IF YOU CAN'T EAT 'EM, WE'RE SURROUNDED, DAMMIT!
FIGHTING, EATING AND MATING ARE ALL ON THE SAME LEVEL. THEY'RE ALMOST THE SAME THING. YOU GO AHEAD AND GET ALL INTIMATE WITH THOSE BLOODLESS THINGS IF YOU WANT, BUT I AIN'T NO SICKO PERVERT
FOX, YOU HAVE TO GET OFF OF THE PLATFORM! JUMP OVER HERE!
THIS THING ISN'T SWINGING ANYMORE, I CAN'T JUMP THAT FAR!
KA-CHUNG
OH NO

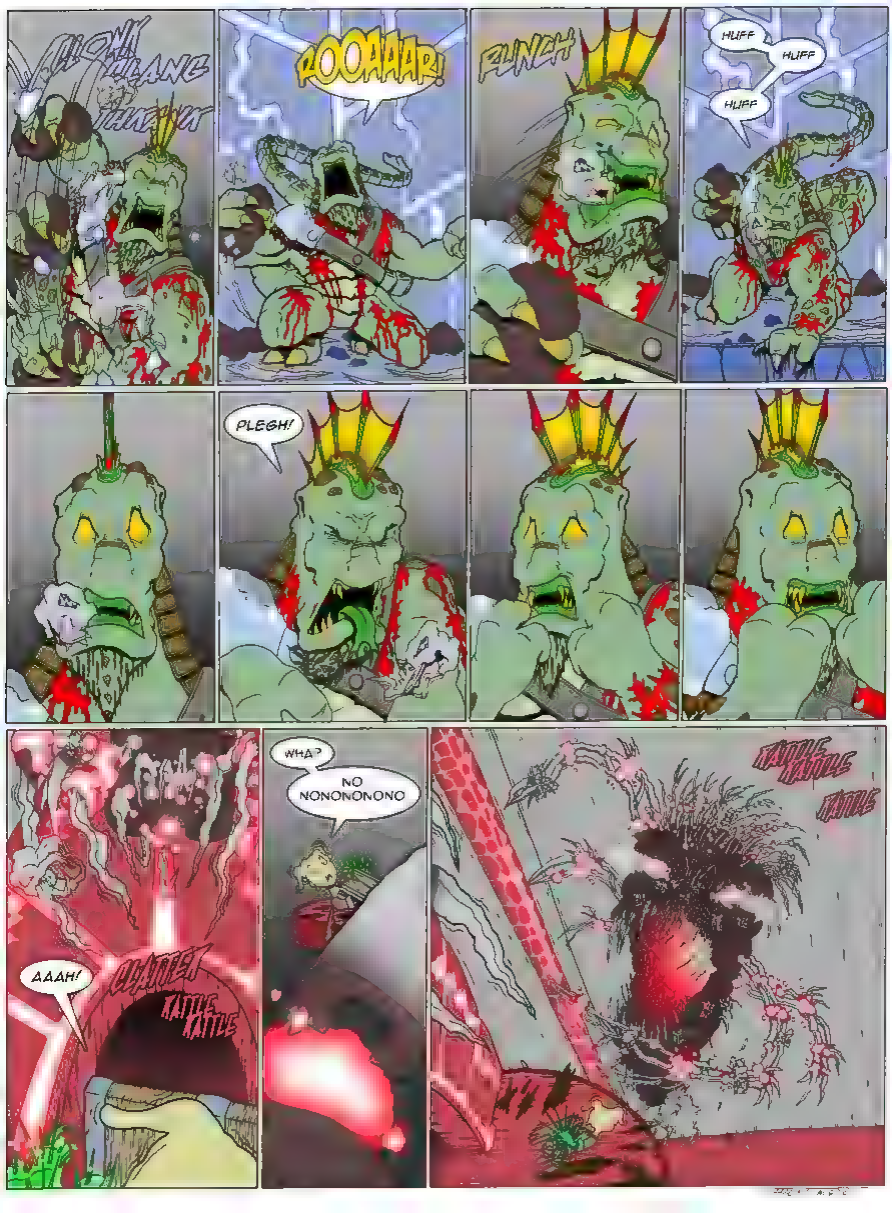
WHAT? THEY'RE TURNING BACK?
THE RED PARTS! THEY CAN'T WALK ON THE RED PARTS! ONLY THE BLUE!
WHAT'S HE YELLING ABOUT OVER THERE?
EH?
AW, HELL NO I DON'T SWING THAT WAY
KLIK KLIK
KLIK
KLIK
CRANK
AH!
MUNCH MUNCH
CHING CHNK
CAPACK


YHAAAAH!
AH!
HUFF
HUFF
KLIK
KLIK
KLIK
KLIK
CLANG
CA-CLANG
CLANG


YOU STAY BACK. IT'S UNNATURAL TO FIGHT THINGS YA CAN'T EAT
GAH! EW!
CUT IT OUT! I AIN'T FIGHTING YA! THIS IS SICK!
I SAID GET OFF ME!
SSSLAK
WHA?
OH NO
THIS MEANS NOTHING, YA HEAR ME?! I.. I WAS THINKING ABOUT A BATTLE I HAD AGES AGO!
SIGH
LISTEN, I HAVE MY HONOUR I WOULD RATHER LET YOU. THINGS, RIP ME APART OR FALL TO MY DEATH THAN MAKE A SINGLE ATTACK AGAINST YOU YOU APE BLOODLESS, MEATLESS AND BONELESS AND SO IT IS IMPOSSIBLE FOR ME TO FEEL ANY BATTLE LUST TOWARD YOU
SHLICK
BUT THIS GUY S PISSED HE'S GONNA KILL.. EVERY ..LAST ONE O' YOU BASTARDS


KRUNCH!
AAAAH!
CLANG
ATACK
CA-LANGA
BA-WUMMMF
CLA-CLUNK
RATTLE RATTLE
FOX, IT'S SAFE ON THIS SIDE! YOU HAVE TO FIND A WAY TO
OH
SHA-CHING
RATTLE
CLANK
RATTLE RATTLE


FOX GET BACK ON YOUR SIDE! YOU'RE TIPPING THE PLATFORM!
SURE, I'LL JUST CALL A TIME OUT SO WE CAN ALL MOVE TO THE RIGHT! IT'S NOT LIKE I HAVE A LOT OF CONTROL OVER WHERE THIS FIGHT GOES, GREM!
CLANG
CLANG
YHAH!
CWANG
UH!
CLACK
CLACK


KLANG
KLANG
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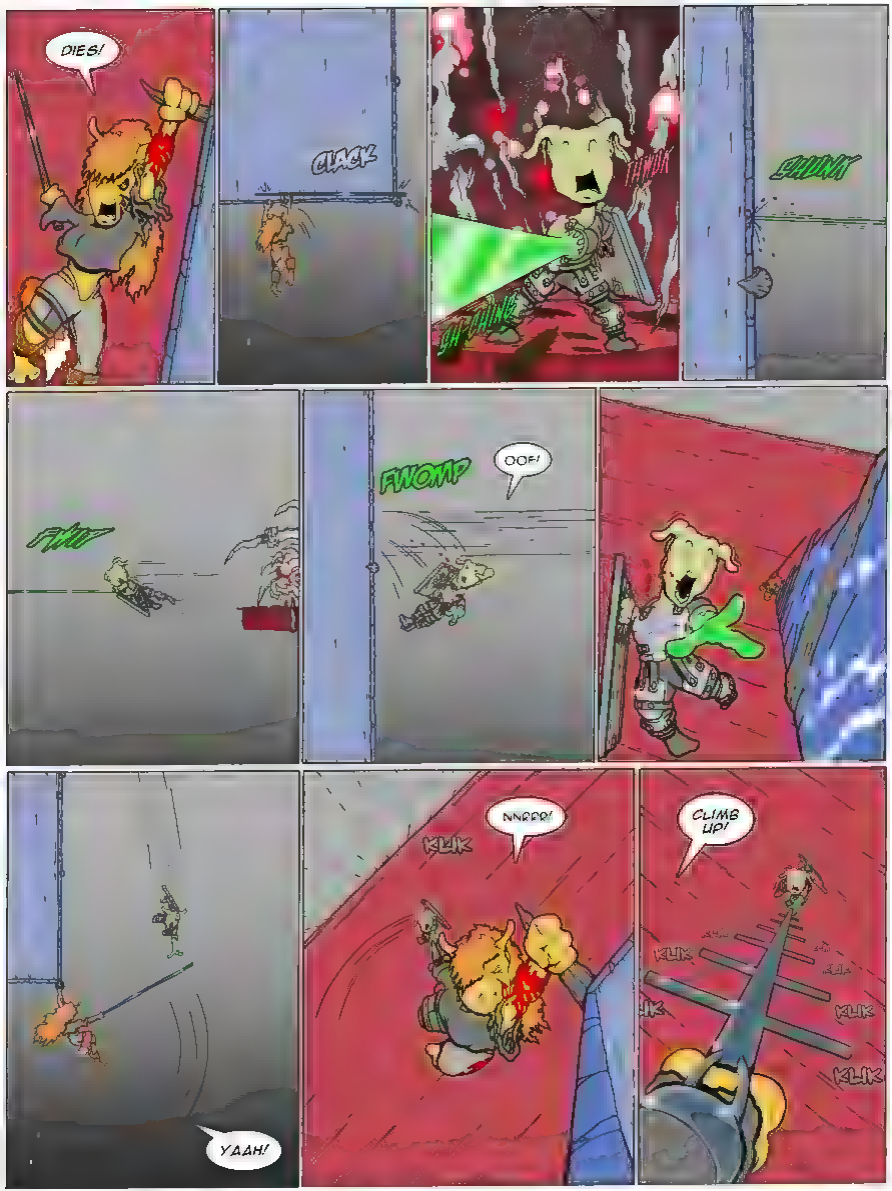
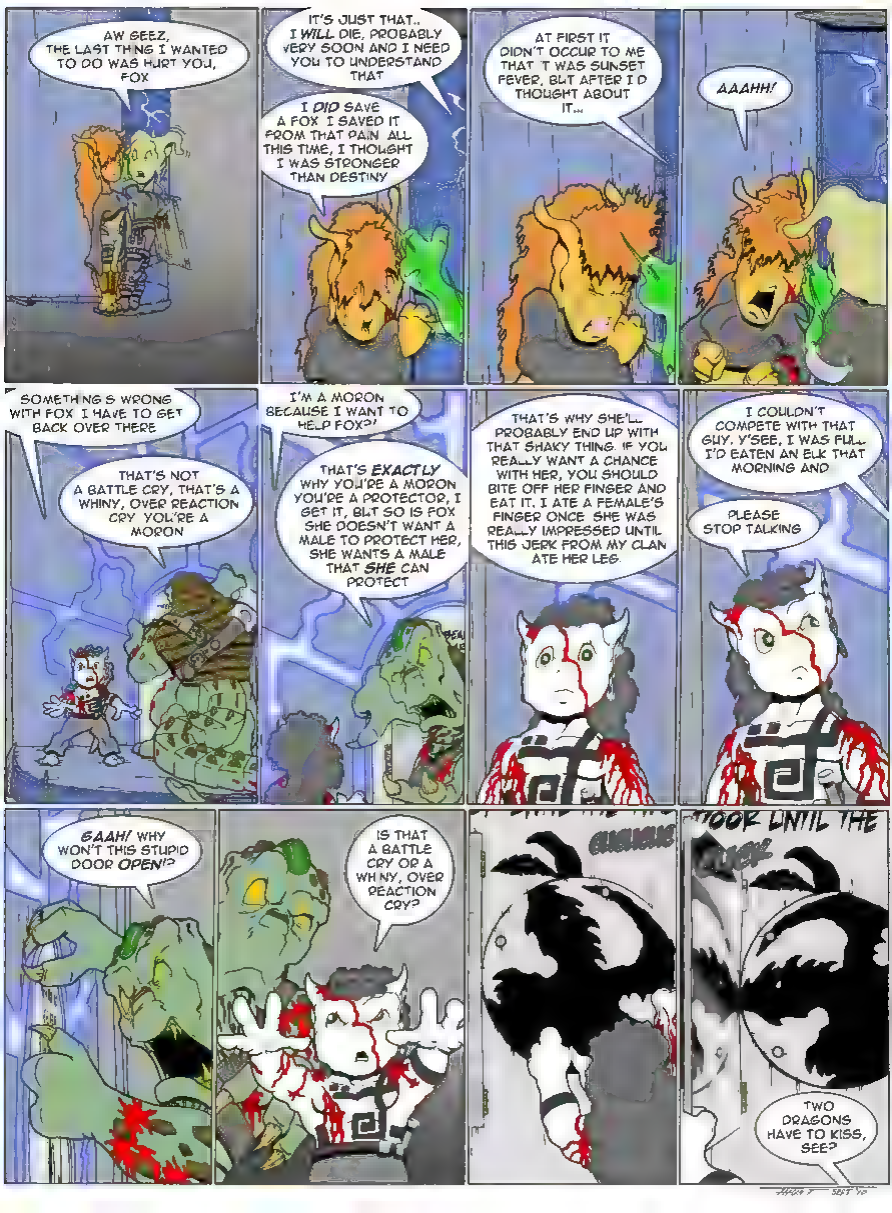

DIES!
CLACK
THUNK
SHUNK
SHUNK
FWIP
FWOMP
OOF!
KLIK
NNRRR!
CLIMB UP!
KLIK
KLIK
KLIK
KLIK
YAAH!

K'SELISS, STICK OUT YOUR TAIL AS FAR AS YOU CAN SO I CAN JUMP ONTO IT
K'SELISS ARE YOU LISTENING TO ME?
LOOK, I GOT MORE IMPORTANT THINGS TO WORRY ABOUT HERE! I JUST FOUND OUT THAT I MIGHT BE A VAGGIT!
SIGH
VIOLENT AGAINST GOLEMS, GEARS AND INEDIBLE TRASH. IT'S NOT A PERFECT ACRONYM, I KNOW, BUT .
JUST STICK OUT YOUR DAMN TAIL!
OOF!
FWUMP
UH!
WOOPS
WE'RE GOING TO DIE! WE'RE ALL GOING TO DIE IN THIS PLACE!
NO ONE S DY NG IN HERE
NO WE RE NOT! THOSE SHARPEES ARE STUCK ON THE RED AREA

YOU DON'T UNDERSTAND IT'S MY DESTINY
ANYONE CAN BEAT THEIR DESTINY I WAS SUPPOSED TO SAVE A FOX, BUT INSTEAD, I KILLED IT I'VE BASED MY WHOLE LIFE, MY WHOLE SENSE OF SELF AROUND THE BELIEF THAT I'M NOT A PUPPET TO DESTINY AND I'VE BASED THAT ENTIRE BELIEF AROUND THAT ONE MOMENT WITH THE FOX
I'M LIVING PROOF THAT DESTINY CAN BE CHANGED AND YET YOU REFUSE TO BELIEVE ME WHY?
TELL ME WHY
FOX
YOU FOUND THE FOX FEASTING ON YOUR FOOD SUPPLY YOU SAID THAT IT WASN'T AFRAID WHEN YOU APPROACHED
THAT'S RIGHT
IT'S CALLED SUNSET FEVER
I'VE SEEN IT HAPPEN TO SOME OF THE SMALLER ANIMALS NEAR OUR CAMP. NO ONE KNOWS WHY BUT THE INFECTED BEASTS WILL GORGE THEMSELVES ALMOST TO THE BURSTING POINT
DURING THIS TIME, THEY SHOW NO FEAR THEY JUST KEEP RELENTLESSLY EATING WHEN THE ILLNESS ENTERS ITS NEXT PHASE, THE ANIMAL WILL LOSE THE ABILITY TO MOVE IT WILL SIMPLY LAY STILL. THAT'S WHEN THE PAIN STARTS
THE ELDERS SAY THAT EVEN THOUGH THE INFECTED ARE TOO WEAK TO MAKE MUCH NOISE, THEY ARE IN TERRIBLE PAIN IT IS SAID THAT THE PAIN IS FAR WORSE THAN ANY SPEAR, BLADE OR FIRE WITH ITS BELLY FILLED WITH FOOD, THE ANIMAL WILL LAY IN A SILENT HELL FOR DAYS BEFORE FINALLY DYING
THERE IS NO CURE FOR THIS ILLNESS NO WAY TO LESSEN THE PAIN ONCE IT STARTS THERE IS ONLY ONE THING THAT CAN BE DONE FOR AN ANIMAL WITH SUNSET FEVER ONLY ONE MERCIFUL ACT YOU MUST KILL IT BEFORE THE AGONY STARTS YOU DID SAVE A FOX THAT DAY AND I WILL DIE A HORRIBLE DEATH WE ARE ALL PUPPETS TO DESTINY, SAVES A FOX
EVEN YOU
BUT


AW GEEZ, THE LAST THING I WANTED TO DO WAS HURT YOU, FOX
IT'S JUST THAT.. I WILL DIE, PROBABLY VERY SOON AND I NEED YOU TO UNDERSTAND THAT
I DID SAVE A FOX I SAVED IT FROM THAT PAIN ALL THIS TIME, I THOUGHT I WAS STRONGER THAN DESTINY
AT FIRST IT DIDN'T OCCUR TO ME THAT T WAS SUNSET FEVER, BUT AFTER I D THOUGHT ABOUT IT...
AAAHH!
SOMETHING S WRONG WITH FOX I HAVE TO GET BACK OVER THERE
THAT'S NOT A BATTLE CRY, THAT'S A WHINY, OVER REACTION CRY YOU'RE A MORON
I'M A MORON BECAUSE I WANT TO HELP FOX?!
THAT'S EXACTLY WHY YOU'RE A MORON YOU'RE A PROTECTOR, I GET IT, BUT SO IS FOX SHE DOESN'T WANT A MALE TO PROTECT HER, SHE WANTS A MALE THAT SHE CAN PROTECT
THAT'S WHY SHE'LL PROBABLY END UP WITH THAT SHAKY THING. IF YOU REALLY WANT A CHANCE WITH HER, YOU SHOULD BITE OFF HER FINGER AND EAT IT. I ATE A FEMALE'S FINGER ONCE. SHE WAS REALLY IMPRESSED UNTIL THIS JERK FROM MY CLAN ATE HER LEG.
I COULDN'T COMPETE WITH THAT GUY. Y'SEE, I WAS FULL. I'D EATEN AN ELK THAT MORNING AND
PLEASE STOP TALKING
GAAH! WHY WON'T THIS STUPID DOOR OPEN!?
IS THAT A BATTLE CRY OR A WHINY, OVER REACTION CRY?
CLUNK
TOOR UNTIL THE CLICK
TWO DRAGONS HAVE TO KISS, SEE?

I'M ACTUALLY GLAD THAT YOU WANTED TO MAKE CAMP EARLY I HAVEN'T BEEN ALLOWED TO SLEEP IN A LONG TIME AND I'M EXHAUSTED
SO, ARE YOU GOING TO TAKE A WALK WHILE I YOU KNOW?
KILL HER? NOPE
WHAT? YOU SAID THAT IF WE MADE CAMP, YOU'D LEAVE SO I COULD
NO, I SAID THAT I DION'T WANT TO BE ANYWHERE NEAR WHEN YOU D O T IF YOU WANT TO MURDER HER GO FIND A CLEARING OR SOMETHING I'M STAYING BY THE FIRE
WHY ARE YOU BEING SUCH A DRAGON S ASS ABOUT THIS? I'M NOT GOING TO MURDER IT, I'M GOING TO KILL IT IN BATTLE FAIR COMBAT THE WAY IT SHOULD BE
WHATEVER I'M GONNA GO FIND A CLEARING FOR THIS.
MMM
MM
MMMAAAH!

WHERE'S MINMAX?
HE WENT FOR A WALK
HE'S GOING TO TRY TO KILL ME, ISN'T HE?
YOU SHOULD JUST GO LEAVE NOW
BUT WHAT DID I DO TO
MINMAX JUST DOESN'T UNDERSTAND HE WILL KILL YOU YOU HAVE TO RUN AWAY
I DON'T RUN AWAY
WELL YOU KNOW WHAT I MEAN. SLITHER AWAY OR WHATEVER
RAAH! YOUR POTIONS AREN'T WORKING!
SIR, THE PIPE DID A LOT OF DAMAGE. IT WILL TAKE THESE HEALING POTIONS HOURS TO HEAL A WOUND OF THIS SORT
SIR, WE'VE CAPTURED YOUR YUAN-TI PET
PERFECT

I KNOW EVERYTHING THERE IS TO KNOW ABOUT TORTURE. YET, EVERY TIME YOU FAIL TO ESCAPE ME, YOU FEEL A PAIN THAT I COULD NEVER BESTOW UPON YOU. I FIND THAT... DELICIOUS.
I WANT TO RELISH THAT PAIN NOW. TELL ME ABOUT HOW YOU FEEL.
THAT'S FINE. I'LL JUST MAGICALLY FORCE YOU TO TALK.
TELL ME, IN GREAT DETAIL, WHAT YOU'RE THINKING, KIN.
I... I WASN'T YOUR ENEMY WHEN YOU CAPTURED ME. YOU KEEP LOOKING FOR NEW WAYS TO MAKE ME SUFFER, THOUGH THE WORST THING THAT I TRY TO DO TO YOU IS LEAVE. OUR ACTIONS TOWARD EACH OTHER ARE SO DIFFERENT.
I REALISE NOW, THAT IN ORDER TO REACH THE NECESSARY SUM OF THIS EQUATION, WE MUST HAVE SIMILAR VALUES.
SINCE YOU REMAIN A CONSTANT IN THIS SCENARIO, I AM FORCED TO BE THE ONE TO ALTER MY OWN VALUE BY CHANGING MY GOAL. THIS WILL CREATE A NEW RESULT TO THE EQUATION.
I... DON'T UNDERSTAND.
I SWEAR WITH WORDS NOT YET WRITTEN, ON GODS NOT YET BORN... ...I WILL NEVER RUN AWAY AGAIN.

WHERE ARE YOU GOING? THAT WAY LEADS TO MINMAX
I DON'T RUN AWAY
MM
...
THERE IS NOTHING NORMAL ABOUT YOU. NOTHING NOT A SINGLE THING. IF THERE WAS, I COULD SEE YOU AS SOMETHING OTHER THAN XP. I COULD ADVENTURE WITH YOU BUT YOU DON'T HAVE ONE NORMAL THING ABOUT YOU
SO
UM
MM
HAPPY BIRTHDAY

YOU CAUGHT MICE?
BUT YOU EXPRESSED DISDAIN TOWARD MY EATING HABITS
YEAH IT'S GROSS, BUT EVERYONE IS SUPPOSED TO HAVE THEIR FAVORITE FOOD ON THEIR BIRTHDAY
WHAT'S THAT?
THAT? WELL THAT'S YOUR PRESENT YOU GET A PRESENT
WHY?
WHY? I DUNNO. IT'S JUST I GUESS IT'S JUST A WAY FOR PEOPLE TO SAY "I'M GLAD THAT YOU WERE BORN"
SO I'M GLAD THAT YOU WERE BORN OR WHATEVER
I MADE IT MYSELF
IT'S A NECKLACE
IT SAYS "KIN"

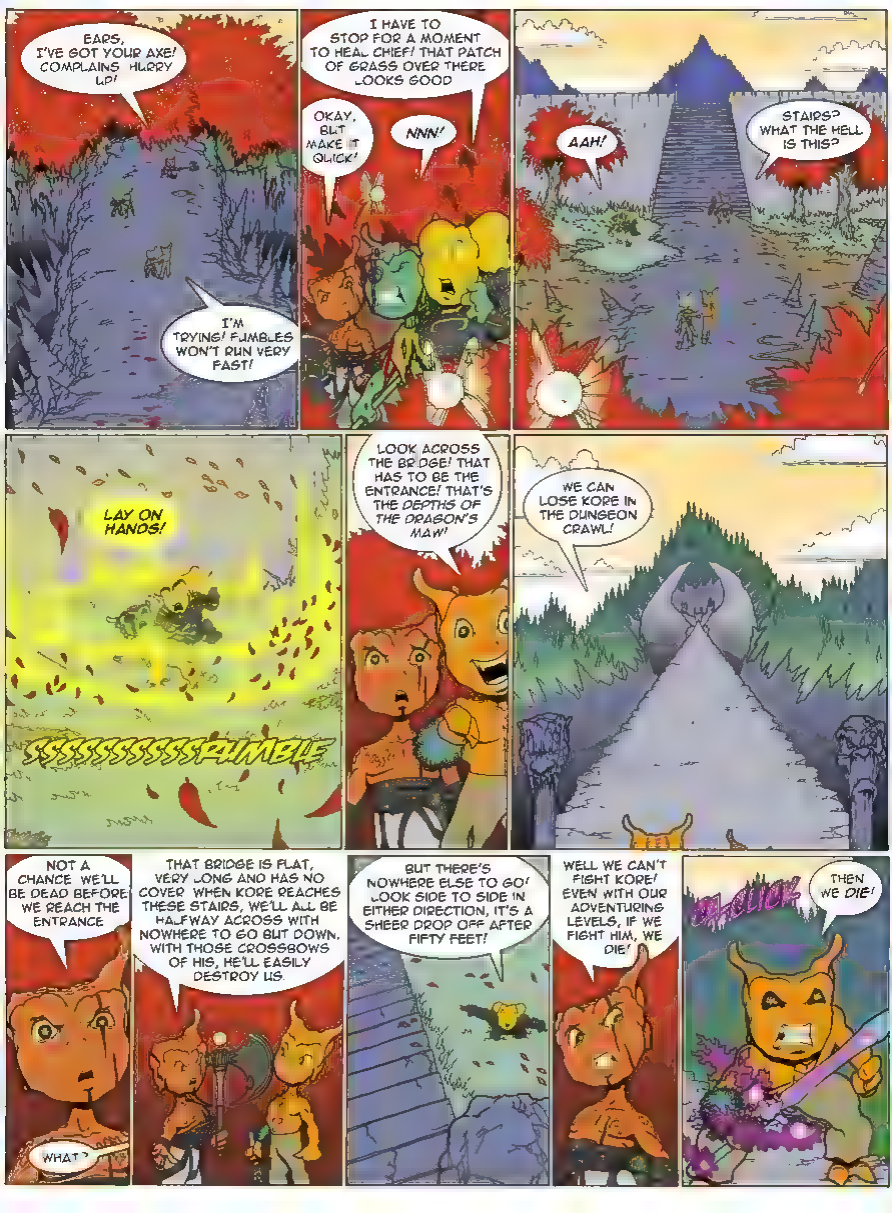
UM... THIS ISN'T GOING THE WAY THAT I LOOK, SOMETIMES I DO STUPID THINGS. LET'S JUST LET'S JUST FORGET THIS WHOLE DEA
I'LL GET RID OF ALL THIS STUFF GIVE ME THE NECKLACE AND I'LL
THIS IS THE MOST WONDERFUL THING THAT ANYONE HAS EVER DONE FOR ME
SERIOUSLY? THIS? THIS IS THE MOST WONDERFUL THING?
I'M PRETTY SURE I GOT THE SIGN WRONG I SUCK AT MAKING CAGES SO MOST OF THE MICE ARE ESCAPING AND I THINK ONE OF THEM MIGHT BE A SQUIRREL
THREE OF THEM AND ONE FROG
REALLY? DAMN
WHAT ABOUT THAT ONE?
FLIRRY MUSHROOM

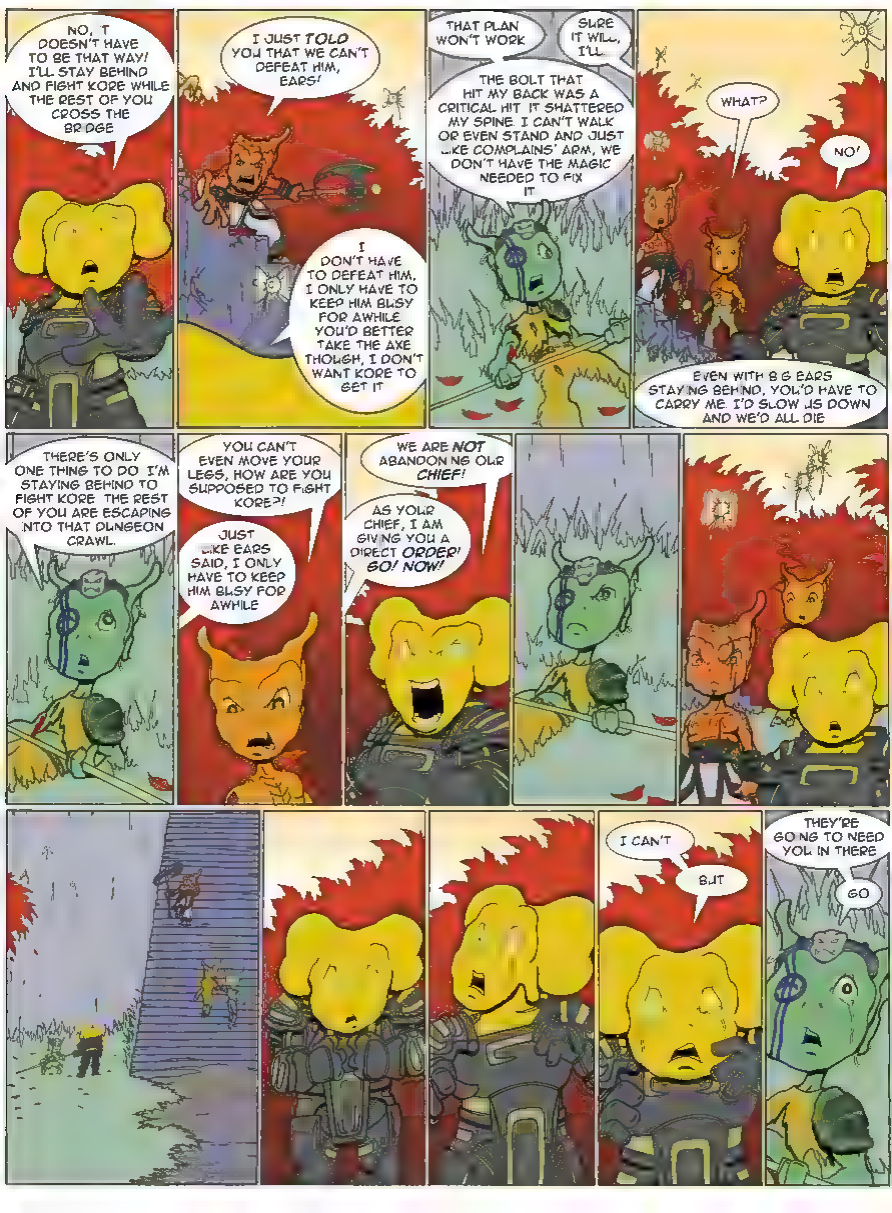
HI FORGATH
HELLO FORGATH
WHO'S KEN?

EARS, I'VE BEEN CURIOUS ABOUT SOMETHING CAN PALADINS USE SWEAR WORDS?
SURE, WE CAN SWEAR I JUST CHOOSE NOT TO
YOU SHOULD TRY IT
C'MON, SAY "CRAP"
NO
"CRAP" ISN'T A SWEAR WORD
OKAY EVERYONE, I'M GOING TO THROW MY AXE ACROSS THE RIVER. IT'LL HOPEFULLY ANCHOR ITSELF AMONGST THOSE ROCKS. THEN WE CAN TIE THE OTHER END OF THIS ROPE TO A TREE. AT THAT POINT, WE'LL HAVE A SAFETY LINE AND WE CAN CROSS THE RIVER
SURE I MEAN I THINK SO
YOU SURE YOU CAN THROW IT THAT FAR?
IF YOU THROW YOUR AXE INTO THOSE ROCKS, YOU MIGHT DAMAGE IT
NAW, ONLY MAGIC CAN DAMAGE A MAGIC ITEM.
BULL'S STRENGTH!
FWUFF
SEE? CLERICS CAN SWEAR
I SAID STRENGTH, COMPLAINS
IT'LL ONLY LAST FOUR HOURS, BUT IT'LL HELP YOU THROW YOUR AXE FAR ENOUGH
THANKS
EYAAH!
SHIT

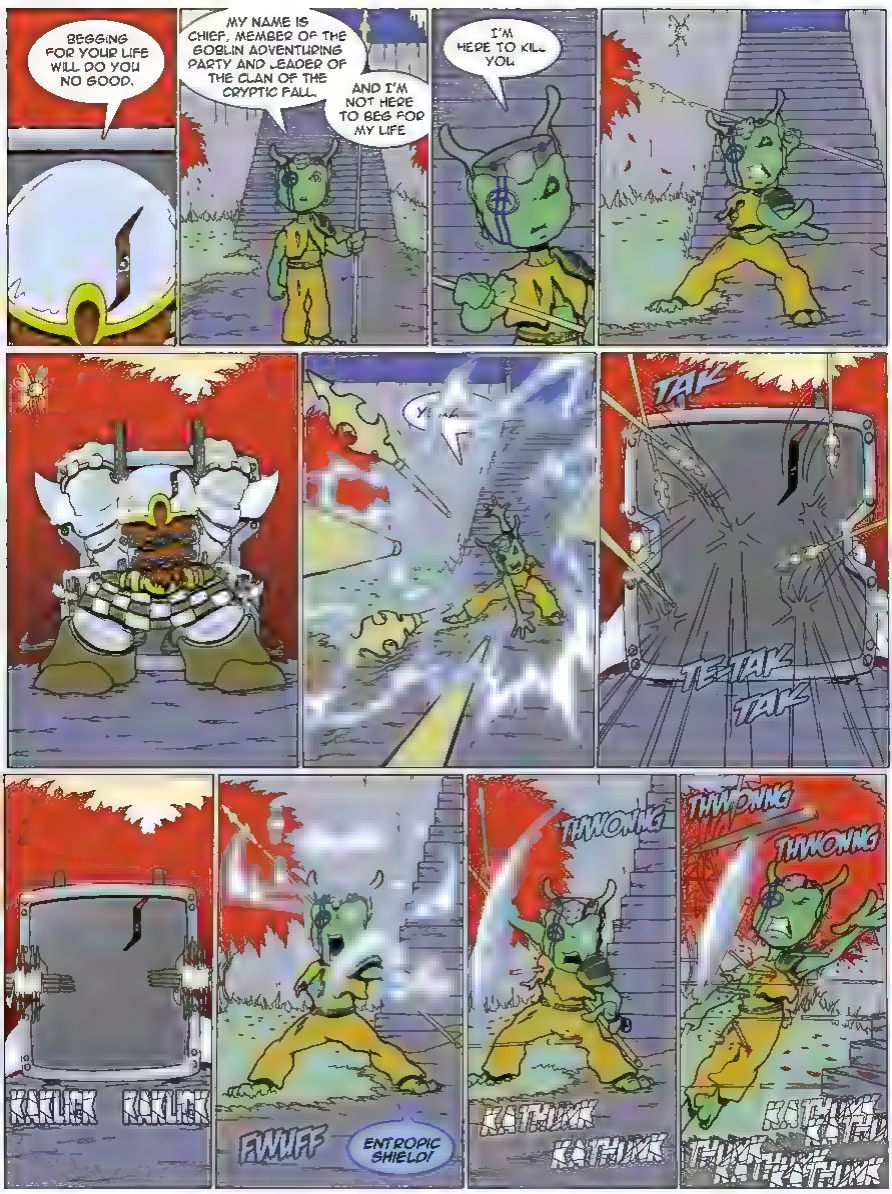
MAYBE WE CAN WALK ACROSS THE RIVER WITHOUT THE ROPE. IT'S NOT THAT DEEP
IT'S FAST THOUGH. IT MIGHT JUST WASH US AWAY.
GUYS, THE ENTRANCE TO DEPTHS OF THE DRAGON'S MAW SHOULD BE REALLY CLOSE. IF WE'RE TOO AFRAID TO CROSS A RIVER, HOW ARE WE SUPPOSED TO HAVE THE COURAGE TO ENTER A DUNGEON CRAWL?
I NEVER LAID CLAIM TO THAT KIND OF COURAGE. YOU'RE FORCING ME INTO THAT CRAWL AGAINST MY BETTER JUDGEMENT
CHIEF, CAN YOU CAST BULL'S STRENGTH ON THE OTHERS? THE STRENGTH BONUS CAN HELP THEM CROSS AS WELL.
HOW IS A STRENGTH BONUS SUPPOSED TO HELP US, BARS? BALANCE CHECKS ARE DEXTERITY BASED
WHAT? IT'S A STRENGTH CHECK, NOT A BALANCE CHECK. WE'RE USING OUR STRENGTH TO FIGHT AGAINST THE RIVER THAT'S TRYING TO PUSH US OVER.
WRONG, WE'RE TRYING TO KEEP OUR BALANCE IN THE RIVER! BY YOUR LOGIC, I'D HAVE TO MAKE A STRENGTH CHECK AGAINST THE GRAVITY THAT TRIES TO PUSH ME OFF A TREE BRANCH!
THAT'S COMPLETELY DIFFERENT! GRAVITY DOESN'T PUSH, IT PULLS!
GRAVITY DOESN'T PULL!
Y'KNOW, IF ONE OF THEM GETS WASHED AWAY, I'M NOT GOING AFTER THEM
YOU KIDDING? I'M THIS CLOSE TO ORDERING YOU, AS YOUR CHIEF, TO GO DROWN THEM
YOU HAVE NO IDEA HOW THE WORLD WORKS! AND IF YOU KNOW SO MUCH ABOUT BALANCE, WHY DO YOU KEEP STUMBLING BACK THERE?
YOU GUYS ARE LIGHTER THAN ME AND THESE ROCKS CAN SUPPORT YOU! EVERYTIME I STEP ON THEM, THEY FLIP AROUND!
HUFF
HUFF
HUFF
HUFF
HUFF
HUFF
I GUESS IT DOESN'T REALLY MATTER WHAT CHECKS WE MADE, AS LONG AS WE'RE ALL ALIVE, RIGHT?
EXACTLY
EVEN THOUGH IT WAS A STRENGTH CHECK
YOU'RE A BIG, YELLOW BOOB!
KATHUK

KATHUNK
EARS?
KATHUNK
KATHUNK
KATHUNK
KORE!
RUN!


EARS, I'VE GOT YOUR AXE! COMPLAINS HURRY UP!
I'M TRYING! FUMBLES WON'T RUN VERY FAST!
I HAVE TO STOP FOR A MOMENT TO HEAL CHIEF! THAT PATCH OF GRASS OVER THERE LOOKS GOOD
OKAY, BUT MAKE IT QUICK!
NNN!
AAH!
STAIRS? WHAT THE HELL IS THIS?
LAY ON HANDS!
SSSSSSSSSSSPAINDEAD
LOOK ACROSS THE BRIDGE! THAT HAS TO BE THE ENTRANCE! THAT'S THE DEPTHS OF THE DRAGON'S MAW!
WE CAN LOSE KORE IN THE DUNGEON CRAWL!
NOT A CHANCE WE'LL BE DEAD BEFORE WE REACH THE ENTRANCE
WHAT?
THAT BRIDGE IS FLAT, VERY LONG AND HAS NO COVER WHEN KORE REACHES THESE STAIRS, WE'LL ALL BE HALFWAY ACROSS WITH NOWHERE TO GO BUT DOWN. WITH THOSE CROSSBOWS OF HIS, HE'LL EASILY DESTROY US
BUT THERE'S NOWHERE ELSE TO GO! LOOK SIDE TO SIDE IN EITHER DIRECTION, IT'S A SHEER DROP OFF AFTER FIFTY FEET!
WELL WE CAN'T FIGHT KORE! EVEN WITH OUR ADVENTURING LEVELS, IF WE FIGHT HIM, WE DIE!
CLICK
THEN WE DIE!


NO, I DOESN'T HAVE TO BE THAT WAY! I'LL STAY BEHIND AND FIGHT KORE WHILE THE REST OF YOU CROSS THE BRIDGE
I JUST TOLD YOU THAT WE CAN'T DEFEAT HIM, EARS!
I DON'T HAVE TO DEFEAT HIM, I ONLY HAVE TO KEEP HIM BUSY FOR AWHILE YOU'D BETTER TAKE THE AXE THOUGH, I DON'T WANT KORE TO GET IT
THAT PLAN WON'T WORK
SURE IT WILL, I'LL...
THE BOLT THAT HIT MY BACK WAS A CRITICAL HIT IT SHATTERED MY SPINE I CAN'T WALK OR EVEN STAND AND JUST LIKE COMPLAINS' ARM, WE DON'T HAVE THE MAGIC NEEDED TO FIX IT
WHAT?
NO!
EVEN WITH B G EARS STAYING BEHIND, YOU'D HAVE TO CARRY ME I'D SLOW US DOWN AND WE'D ALL DIE
THERE'S ONLY ONE THING TO DO I'M STAYING BEHIND TO FIGHT KORE THE REST OF YOU ARE ESCAPING INTO THAT DUNGEON CRAWL.
YOU CAN'T EVEN MOVE YOUR LEGS, HOW ARE YOU SUPPOSED TO FIGHT KORE?!
JUST LIKE EARS SAID, I ONLY HAVE TO KEEP HIM BUSY FOR AWHILE
WE ARE NOT ABANDONING OUR CHIEF!
AS YOUR CHIEF, I AM GIVING YOU A DIRECT ORDER! GO! NOW!
I CAN'T
BUT
THEY'RE GOING TO NEED YOU IN THERE
GO

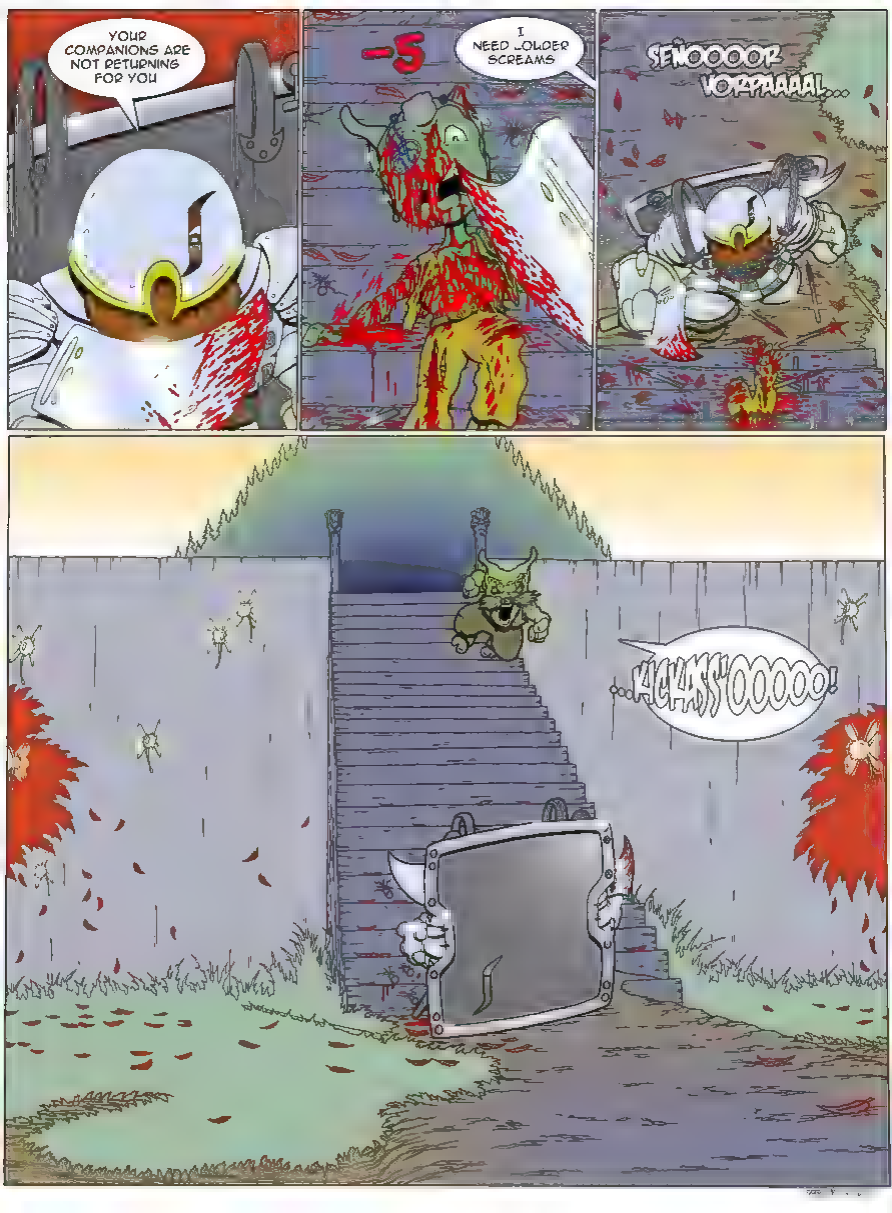
THUMP
THUMP
BUSTLE


BEGGING FOR YOUR LIFE WILL DO YOU NO GOOD.
MY NAME IS CHIEF, MEMBER OF THE GOBLIN ADVENTURING PARTY AND LEADER OF THE CLAN OF THE CRYPTIC FALL.
AND I'M NOT HERE TO BEG FOR MY LIFE
I'M HERE TO KILL YOU.
TAK
TE-TAK
TAK
KA-CHUNK
KA-CHUNK
FWUFF
ENTROPIC SHIELD!
THWONNG
KA-THUNK
KA-THUNK
THWONNG
THWONNG
KA-THUNK
KA-THUNK

UH!
SHHH CHUK
SHHH
CHL KLICK
SHHH
KLICK
CURE MODERATE WOUNDS!
FOOM
RAAAAAH!
COFF

-4
-5
FRUSH
LAY ON HANDS
KRRUUSHH
I...
I DON'T UNDERST.
YOUR COMPANIONS ARE TRYING TO ESCAPE INTO A DUNGEON CRAWL. IF THEY SUCCEED, IT COULD TAKE ME DAYS TO FIND THEM.
YOU'RE GOING TO SCREAM
HUFF
HUFF
HUFF
HUFF
HUFF
AAAAAEEEAAHH!
AAAAAAAAAAH!

WHAT AM I DOING? WHAT THE HELL AM I DOING?
IF WE DON'T GET AWAY FROM THAT DWARF, THEN CHIEF'S DEATH IS FOR NOTHING!
NNNNNNNHHHHH!
NNNNNNNH!
THAT'S NOT THE SOUND OF SOMEONE DYING.
NNNAAEEEYAA!
AAAAAH!
MMNAAH!
THAT'S THE SOUND OF SOMEONE BEING TORTURED
WHAT?! WHY?! WHY WOULD KORE DO THAT?!
HE'S GIVING US A CHOICE. EITHER WE GO BACK AND FACE HIM OR WE ESCAPE AND LET HIM CONTINUE TO TORTURE CHIEF FOR GODS KNOW HOW LONG
THEN WE GO BACK!
IF WE GO BACK, WE GO BACK TO DIE
NO! WE GO BACK TO FIGHT AS HARD AS WE'RE ABLE! TOGETHER AS A CLAN, THE WAY WE SHOULD HAVE IN THE FIRST PLACE!
DON'T YOU DARE LECTURE ME ON WHAT A CLAN IS! YOU THINK I'M RUNNING BECAUSE OF COWARDICE?! YOU THINK THIS DOESN'T HURT ME?!
YOU DON'T EVEN WANT TO TRY TO WIN! TELL ME THAT ISN'T COWARDICE!
STANDING HERE YELLING ISN'T GOING TO...
CLICK
FAIWOOM


YOUR COMPANIONS ARE NOT RETURNING FOR YOU
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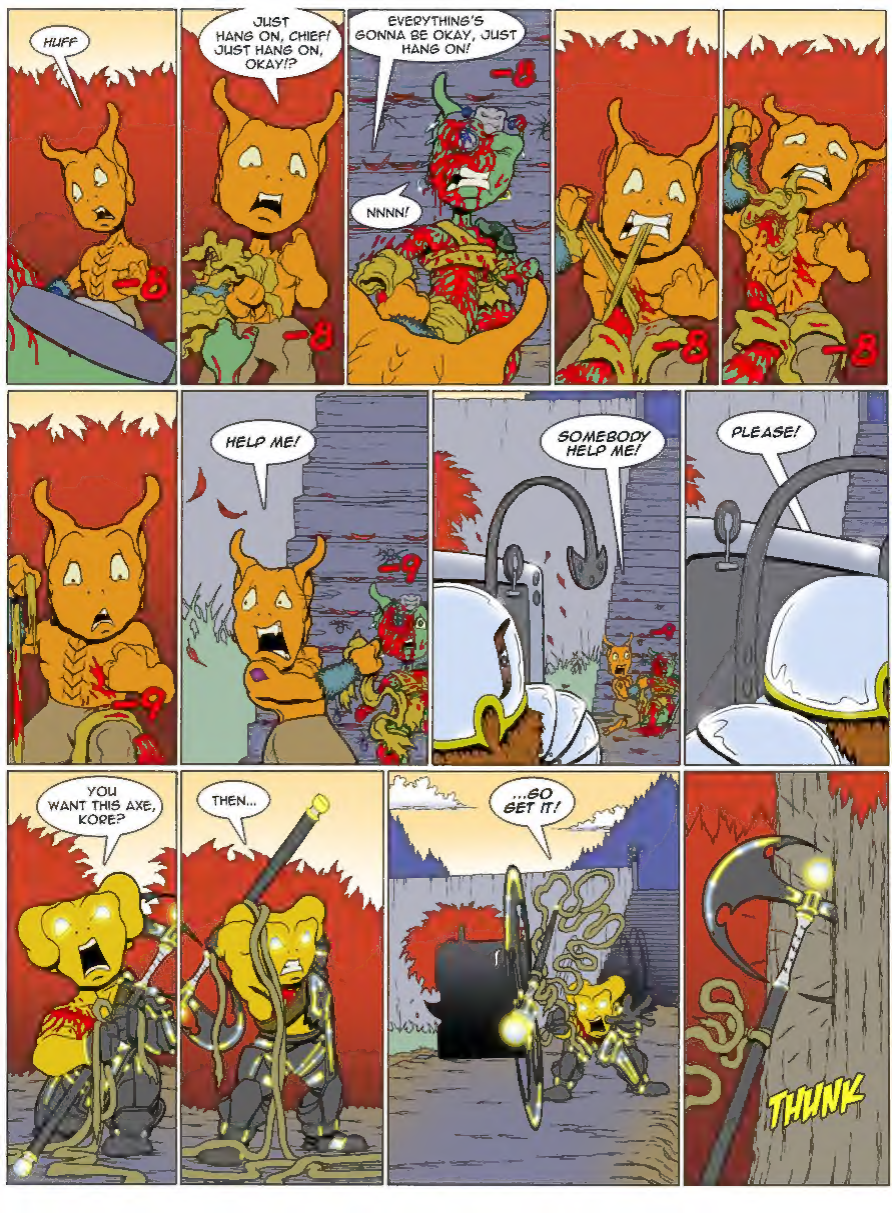
I NEED LOLDER SCREAMS
SENOOOOR VORPAAAAL...
...AAAAA

THUMP
NNNN!
CLANG
RAAAH!
THE AXE
UH!
OOF!

KHKCH
KHKCH
KHKCH
CHIEF
GODS NO
BIND HIS WOUNDS BEFORE HE HITS -10, THEN JOIN US IN THE FIGHT
RIGHT
SHINK
I... I'M SORRY
GASP COFF
I TRIED NOT TO SCREAM.
NOT TO
RIP
IT'S OKAY CHIEF, I GOT YOU.
PRIIIP
THWIP
AH!
KORE!
YER DONE WITH HIM.
I'M YOUR TARGET NOW

CLANG
SHUNK
GAH!
THACO!
ALMOST DONE, CHIEF YOU'RE GOING TO BE O
EAAAAH!
MY ARM! AGAIN? NOT NOW GODS, PLEASE NOT NOW


HUFF
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JUST HANG ON, CHIEF! JUST HANG ON, OKAY!?
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EVERYTHING'S GONNA BE OKAY, JUST HANG ON!
-8
NNNN!
-8
-8
-9
HELP ME!
-9
SOMEBODY HELP ME!
PLEASE!
YOU WANT THIS AXE, KORE?
THEN...
...GO GET IT!
THUNK

CURE LIGHT WOUNDS!
-7
YAH!
CRACK
CA-CLANGA CLANG
CLUNK
CAPANK

-9
CHIEF...
CHIEF, YOU HAVE TO HANG ON!
-9
YOU HAVE TO FIND A WAY TO HANG ON!
PLEASE!
MY ARM...
I CAN'T...
-9
PLEASE! THIS HAS TO BE GOOD ENOUGH, OKAY? I NEED YOU TO STABILIZE!
-9
AH!
GASP!
-10
-10

SHUNK
CA-CLICK
FWOOH
FWOOH
FWOOH
FWOOH
FWOOH
FWOOH
RRRAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAA!